

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

October 22, 1976
Room 514, State House

Members Present

Representative John H. Vogel, Chairman
Senator Don Christy, Vice-Chairman
Representative Clifford Campbell
Representative Rex Crowell
Representative Ambrose Dempsey
Representative Lee Hamm

Members Absent

Representative Walter Graber

Staff Present

Donald L. Jacka, Jr., Kansas Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes' Office
John Rowe, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Conferees and Guests Present

Mr. Pat Boyer, Assistant Secretary, State Board of Agriculture
Mr. Kenneth M. Wilke, Attorney, State Board of Agriculture
Mr. Dale Wilson, State Board of Agriculture
Mr. Earl Hayes, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
Mr. Wendall Wright, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
Mr. John O. Miller, Committee of Kansas Farm Organization
Mr. Milo Schroeder, Kansas Soybean Association
Mr. Tony Ballma, Kansas Soybean Association
Mr. Wayne Dicken, Kansas Soybean Association
Mr. Earl Foote, Kansas Corn Growers Association

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Chairman Vogel called the Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. The Committee's first consideration was the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Senator Christy offered the motion to approve the September 16 and 17 meeting minutes. That motion was seconded by Representative Campbell and carried by a vote of the Committee.

The Chairman explained that the day's meeting would be spent concluding the Committee's study of Proposal No. 3. The Committee was reminded that a bill had been drafted and recommendations had been offered for inclusion within the Committee Report. Chairman Vogel then directed the staff to review the final draft of the bill for the Committee. Following a section-by-section review of the bill, the Chairman asked for questions regarding the bill draft.

A representative of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Mr. Earl Hayes, questioned the Committee relative to the maintenance of the Wheat Commission's autonomy. The Chairman noted that the input received by the Committee indicated a desire, by all parties involved, to leave the Wheat Commission in its present autonomous state.

At the conclusion of the discussion, two amendments to the legislation were considered. The first amendment proposed concerned the establishment of a minimum levy to be assessed on soybeans sold in the state. A motion was offered to set a minimum of two mills per bushel on soybeans. By proper second and a Committee vote, the motion was accepted.

After a brief discussion of the bill, it was suggested that the subject should be split and that the amendatory sections relating to the Wheat Act be drafted as an individual bill. By a motion offered by Senator Christy, seconded by Representative Campbell and passed by the Committee, it was agreed that two bills should be drafted instead of one. One bill would concern itself with the creation of three commodity commissions, to represent corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans, while the other bill would make certain amendments to the present Wheat Act. The amendments to the Wheat Act contained in the second proposed bill would be those contained in Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the original bill.

Following the discussion of legislation relative to Proposal No. 3, the Chairman asked a member of the staff to review the Committee Report which had been sent to the Committee. Concluding their review and discussion of the Committee Report, Senator Christy offered a motion to approve the Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Crowell and by proper vote of Committee the motion carried.

Discussion then ensued relative to the assignment of the bills proposed by the Committee. It was concluded that the bill relating to Proposal No. 2 should be introduced in the Senate while the two bills relative to Proposal No. 3 should be introduced in the House.

With there being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Vogel noted that the revised copies of the two bills and Committee Report on Proposal Number 3 would be mailed to the Committee members for their approval and that there would be no need for another meeting. The Chairman then adjourned the Committee.

Prepared by Donald L. Jacka, Jr.

Approved by Committee on:

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date