

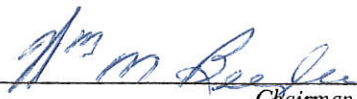
Held in Room 423-S, at the Statehouse at 9:00 a. m. /~~XXXX~~, on January 21, 1981.

All members were present except:

Rep. Aylward - Excused
Rep. Polson - Excused

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a. m. /~~XXXX~~, on January 27, 1981.

These minutes of the meeting held on January 21, 1981 were considered, corrected and approved.


Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Bill Duitsman - Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture
Ken Boughton - Marketing Division Director

The meeting of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee was called to order by William Beezley, Chairman who introduced Bill Duitsman, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. Secretary Duitsman stated that he was happy to be with the Committee and pleased to see some new faces. Secretary Duitsman told the Committee that the Agriculture offices were now in one location in the Mills Building. Secretary Duitsman stated that the two main functions of the Marketing Division are to promote and find a market for what is produced and to find more export outlets. He stated that the Kansas Grain Commodities Act came into effect September 1, 1977. He then introduced Ken Boughton, Director of the Marketing Division, who went through a section by section analysis of the Kansas Grain Commodities Act pamphlet. The pamphlets were also distributed to the Committee members so they could follow through the report by Mr. Boughton.

Secretary Duitsman then spoke on the "Collections of Commodity Assessments Compared to Refunds During Fiscal Year 1980 and for first half FY 1981 Versus First Half FY '80", while the Committee followed through on the material distributed. Two maps showed the Kansas Soybean Commission Districts and the Kansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Commission Districts. Secretary Duitsman explained that the U.S. Feed Grains Council and the U.S. Meat Export Federation are national organizations with world wide connections, and then explained the research programs of the Kansas Corn Commission. He said that there was not quite the enthusiasm for gasohol that there once was. Secretary Duitsman then explained the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission Market Development and Research, commenting on the chinch bug problem, and also the Kansas Soybean Commission and how well the marketing and research was being applied to their activities. He also delved into the operation of the International Grains Program during 1980, stressing the intensive courses teams from foreign lands are involved with including grain processing, storage and purchasing. He stated that if these foreign teams were not sponsored and funds matched dollar for dollar by the Foreign Agriculture Service, there would be very few teams able to take part in this program.

Secretary Duitsman introduced Mr. Galen Swenson, who is the Grain Marketing Coordinator. Rep. Hamm asked for a copy of the completed research entitled "The Effects of Maize Chlorotic Mottle Virus on Corn Yields", by the Department of Plant Pathology, K.S.U. Rep. Johnson asked why the Wheat Commission was not included in this program.

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Secretary Duitsman explained that the Wheat Commission was established in the '50's while the Marketing Division is comparatively new. Secretary Duitsman explained that there has always been the finest cooperation between the Wheat Commission and Grain Commission.

Rep. Dempsey asked if there were sufficient funds to maintain the Commission. Secretary Duitsman said that so far the program was self-supporting on commodities, but short at Kansas State in the International Grains Program.

Reps. Campbell and Crowell asked Secretary Duitsman about scale inspection. Secretary Duitsman stated that they were getting a lot of cooperation from the people. Secretary Duitsman was asked to give his views on the governor's proposal to consolidate the water boards. Secretary Duitsman stated that he would do no lobbying but asked that the implications be weighed in the matter as the water resources people are doing a good job and try to treat everyone fairly. Several comments were made by Committee members.

Chairman Beezley asked for any comments concerning the minutes.
Rep. Smith moved the minutes be approved, Rep. Johnson gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Beezley adjourned the meeting.

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