

Held in Room 423-S, at the Statehouse at 9:00 a. m. ~~xxx~~, on February 5, 19 81.

All members were present except:

Rep. Campbell

Rep. Crowell

Rep. Knopp

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a. m. ~~xxx~~, on February 10, 19 81.

These minutes of the meeting held on February 5, 19 81 were considered, corrected and approved.


Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Mr. Don Smith - Governor's Office

The meeting of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee was called to order by William Beezley, Chairman. Mr. Don Smith of the Governor's Office continued his presentation regarding consolidation of the water agencies. He commented that no one has assumed a leadership role in terms of who is in charge of water in Kansas or which agency can deal with a certain problem. He cited the problem encountered when water is needed by a community. Who does the community approach with the problem; the Chief Engineer, Water Resources or the Corps of Engineers? Several Committee members spoke of the input they have had from people in their areas pro and con on consolidation of the water agencies. Mr. Smith spoke of a post audit report and a Memorandum of Understanding. He said that Guy Gibson, Chief Engineer of the Water Resources is 24 years behind in the processing of ^{well} permits. Rep. Hamm replied that he would question that figure. Mr. Smith stated that the Corps of Engineers is very cooperative with the water agencies. Reps. Polson and Smith commented on what they thought to be the case regarding jurisdiction of the Corps in relation to water in the reservoirs. After a few more comments from Committee members, Chairman Beezley thanked Mr. Smith for his presentation.

The Chairman asked for comments on the bill that Mr. Gilliland had passed out previously relative to declaring the kudzu to be a noxious weed. Rep. Apt spoke strongly in favor of introducing the bill. Rep. Bussman moved the bill be introduced as a Committee bill. Rep. Leach gave a second to the motion; the motion carried.

Chairman Beezley told the Committee about the 1979 bill, House Bill 2321, relating to the restricted use of endrin in the control of chinch bugs. Rep. Polson said that the bill has a better chance now that the former head of the EPA is no longer holding that position. Endrin hasn't been banned, but it hasn't been cleared. It is biodegradable after a certain length of time. After a few more comments from Rep. Polson, Vice Chairperson Aylward moved to introduce the endrin bill. Rep. Fuller gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The minutes were approved and the Chairman adjourned the meeting.