

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & SMALL BUSINESS

Held in Room 423-S, at the Statehouse at 10:00 a.m. a. m./p. m.,  
on Wednesday, March 4, 1981, 19    .

All members were present except: Senator Dan Thiessen (Excused)

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. a. m./p. m.,  
on Thursday, March 5, 1981, 19    .

These minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 1981, 19     were  
considered, corrected and approved.

  
Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

John Blythe, Kansas Farm Bureau

Senator Kerr called the meeting to order. Senator Allen moved, Senator Warren seconded, that the minutes of the Tuesday, March 3, 1981 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL 257

Senator Kerr called on Senator Norvell sponsor of Senate Bill 257. Senator Norvell stated present law states that no money coming out of the state general fund can be used by elementary schools for the purchase of imported meats. Senate Bill 257 proposes that universities, colleges, state office building cafeteria, etc. come under this ruling. He feels the present tax money should be spent on Kansas meat products. We would be expanding the law now on the books. Senator Norvell stated he inspected meats served at Fort Hays University and found they were produced in Kansas; he did not know about products used by other universities.

Senator Arasmith questioned the interpretation of "imported" meats. Raney Gilliland, Research Department, read from K.S.A. Sec. 65-6a-47, "Imported meat, poultry or dairy products; labeling; definition. Every wholesaler or retailer who sells or offers for sale in the state of Kansas through a meat market, store or otherwise, any meats, either canned, frozen or cured, or any poultry, eggs or butter, which are the products of any country foreign to the United States, shall clearly label such meat, poultry, eggs or butter as 'imported' naming the country of origin...."

Answering Senator Kerr's question as to whether we are talking about out of state or out of country products, Senator Norvell stated that after reviewing the law, he believes it would only apply to products from other countries.

Answering Senator Karr's question as to who would enforce staying within the laws, Senator Norvell stated whoever is in charge of purchasing foods for the institutions should be aware of the law and stay within it.

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John Blythe, of Kansas Farm Bureau, stated a number of years ago "this law raised the problems of identifying the meat and identifying the money, and there was no penalty brought out. It is more of a public relations law. It is a hard matter to enforce." He had no position on this bill but they do have a position on proper labeling.

SENATE BILL 259

Senator Norvell stated Senate Bill 259 would update a law concerning authority of a county fair to purchase land. The present law was passed in 1929. He particularly wanted it updated so the Ellis County Fair could purchase additional ground without securing a petition signed by 60% of the landowners of such county. He also questioned under the new language if a fair board could purchase land for "expanding" the present holdings. Senator Arasmith felt they may be able to expand under the existing law. Senator Norvell raised the question since if the Ellis County Fair does purchase additional land they want it to be legal. Revisor Avis Souders stated perhaps a second section could be added regarding the expanding of present fairgrounds. Senator Norvell was in agreement that this bill should be taken under advisement and would discuss acceptable wording with Revisor Souders.

SENATE BILL 286

Senator Kerr distributed a proposed amendment to Senate Bill 286. He questioned if we would be superseded by federal legislation. Revisor Souders stated we are pre-empted in the area of bankruptcy by the federal government regulations--states do not have much to say about bankruptcy. There is a new federal law pending on bankruptcy.

Senator Arasmith moved, Senator Karr seconded, that the amendment as written be adopted. The amendment read as follows:

"Page 1, in line 21, by striking 'shall be': in line 22, by striking all before the period and inserting in lieu thereof 'whether such grain is held under open storage or pursuant to the issuance of a warehouse receipt, shall have a prior right to such grain, subject only to the payment of accrued warehouse charges, against any other person until the grain is either removed from storage by the owner thereof or sold by such owner';" following line 22, by inserting a new paragraph as follows:

"As used in this section, the term open storage means the storage of grain pursuant to the issuance of a scale ticket regardless of whether the grain is retained in the warehouse or elsewhere;"

"In the title, in line 17, by striking all after the semicolon and inserting in lieu thereof 'relating to the owner's'; in line 18, before the period, by inserting 'therein';"

Senator Warren offered a substitute motion, seconded by Senator Doyen, that the above language be adopted plus additional language be conceptually adopted to make it clear the grain would be subject to the satisfaction of any lien or liens upon that grain. Motion carried.

Then Senator Norvell moved, seconded by Senator Gannon, that the first two words "The owner" in Line 0020 should be clarified. After discussion, Senator Kerr then stated he felt the motion should be withdrawn and leave the bill in the committee until proper wording had been decided upon. Senator Norvell withdrew his motion, and Senator Gannon withdrew his second.

Meeting adjourned.

SENATE

AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE Wednesday, March 4, 1981 PLACE: Room 423-S

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

GUEST LIST

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Lynda Ryan	Topeka, Ks.	American Agriculture Movement
John O. Miller	Topeka	Committee of Ks. Farm Organizations
J. P. D. Turner	Sabetha	Mid. American Dairy Producers
Erwin Eldred Jr.	Dunlap	Morris County Farm Bureau
David Cosgrove	Council Grove	" " " "
Rita Cosgrove	Council Grove, Ks	" " " "
Jon Camp	White City Ks	" " " "
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