

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Bill Fuller at  
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~8:00~~ on January 13, 1983 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Ambrose Dempsey, excused.

Committee staff present:

Bruce Hurd, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Kathleen Moss, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Hal Johnson, Director of Financial Audits, Legislative Post Audit Division

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Fuller. He welcomed the members and asked them to introduce themselves as this is a newly appointed committee for the 1983-84 sessions, with several being first time legislators.

Chairman Fuller stated that since agriculture is the number one industry in the State of Kansas, he challenged the committee to provide initiative in making progress for the industry.

In stating committee policy, the chairman plans to use Roberts Rules of Order along with the House Rules that were recently adopted. Anyone wishing to speak should make their wishes known to the chairman, and in turn will be recognized.

Bruce Hurd is from the Revisor's Office assigned to the Agriculture and Livestock Committee and said he will assist in drafting the bills. His office is on the third floor, south wing (322-S).

Raney Gilliland is the staff person from the Legislative Research Department. He said that grain warehousing is an important issue in Kansas and gave a brief review and mentioned that there have been eleven bankruptcies or failures of state-licensed warehouses since 1967.

The purpose of today's meeting is to hear Hal Johnson, Director of Financial Audits of the Legislative Post Audit Division. He went over their audit report, Kansas State Grain Inspection Department. This report is not attached to these Minutes but is on file with the Legislative Research Department. There were several questions after Mr. Johnson's presentation resulting in discussion on warehouse fraud, issuance of licenses, and checking qualifications of those in warehouse work. It was brought out that if there is an incoming check on grain but none on outgoing grain, how can they determine what is there? Mr. Johnson said that is one difference of opinion between his office and the State Board of Agriculture.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m..

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 1983.

