

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. ~~XXXX~~ on February 21, 1983 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Johnson, excused
Rep. Niles, excused
Rep. Teagarden, excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ivan Wyatt, Kansas Farmers Union

Chairman Fuller passed out a brochure from Dr. Don Good, Animal Science and Industry Department at K-State inviting the committee to the 70th Annual Cattleman's day on March 4th.

Today's meeting will give the committee the opportunity to suggest actions the committee might take to address some of the problems of agriculture. It is the last day the committee can request bill drafts.

Alternate crops were discussed. Rep. Johnson had expressed an interest in pursuing the possibility of wineries in Kansas but was unable to get to Topeka because of the weather.

Chairman Fuller told the committee the Kansas Wheat Commission had requested two legislative items - both requiring money. One was to hire a director for the International Grains Program at K-State and the other a commitment by the legislature for something in the future, perhaps 1985, to provide additional space in Waters Hall Annex for the International Grains Program. There would be involvement with the Ways and Means Committee as it will take dollars to put the grain program together.

Ivan Wyatt, Kansas Farmers Union of McPherson was recognized. There was not enough committee time to hear him last Thursday or Friday. He said there is a serious problem over the state and nationwide. He feels the committee needs to look at a broader area. He noted the PIK program is a one shot deal. He also feels the states need to join together and get a handle on the marketing system.

HB 2067 was discussed which renews the grain marketing compact. During discussion it was brought out that no one is suffering more than the farmer. The extraction of glutamate from wheat was discussed and the need to explore other products from wheat.

There was committee discussion on the possibility of wineries in Kansas. Rep. Bussman moved that a slot be left open for Rep. Johnson to have a bill drafted. Rep. Solbach seconded the motion and motion carried.

The question was asked whether or not we want to get involved in marketing and alternate crops but no conclusion was reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 1983 in Room 423-S.

