

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./~~p.m.~~ on March 15, 1983, 1983 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Four sets of committee Minutes were distributed. Rep. Fuller stated that action will be taken tomorrow.

Chairman Fuller began the hearings on HB 2534 relative to testing and measuring of binder twine by the Board of Agriculture.

HB 2534 was reviewed briefly by staff. Staff pointed out an error in the bill on Line 16 - "28-1803" should read, "2-1803". The bill repeals four sections of current statutes dealing with binder twine. Under the requirement it would be unlawful to sell new binder twine that was not registered with the Board of Agriculture. There is a provision for labeling of containers and a penalty for any violation. The Ways and Means Committee recommended this legislation and it appears there was no objection by the Board of Agriculture.

John O'Neill of the Weights and Measures Division of the Board of Agriculture was present to answer questions from the committee. He said that back about 1950, it came up to delete this program but it was retained. They will test twine that is brought in but will not pick it up. They do not want to buy additional expensive equipment for testing when few are using the service. Mr. O'Neill said that manufacturers would have to meet net weight specifications and there has not been a problem with labeling.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 1983 in Room 423-S.

