

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 16, 1983 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Shelor, excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Francis Gordon, sponsor of SB 204  
Warden Noe, Attorney for Tri-County Fair Association  
Ray Foster, Secretary of Tri-County Fair Association  
John Ruh, Administrator, City of Horton

Rep. Solbach moved that the Minutes of the meetings of February 24, March 2, 3 and 4, 1983 be approved. The motion was seconded by Rep. Johnson and motion carried.

Chairman Fuller instructed the committee that this is the beginning of Agriculture in Kansas Week and there will be a "kick-off" at 10 o'clock on the third floor of the Capitol.

Chairman Fuller asked committee approval to have a Resolution presented on the House floor today to commemorate Kansas Agriculture week. There was no objection to introducing the Resolution.

Chairman Fuller explained that first today hearings will be held on SB 204. If there is time, the committee can take action on the bill heard yesterday (HB 2534).

SB 204 - An act concerning county fairs; amending K.S.A. 2-142, 2-143 and 2-144 and repealing the existing sections.

Senator Gordon, sponsor of SB 204 appeared in support of the bill. He said it was introduced at the request of the Tri-County Fair Association of Horton and when it was introduced it was intended for statewide application. The statutes go back to 1929 so it seemed impossible to find the effect on other fairs across Kansas. In the meantime, they localized it to Brown County. He went through the bill explaining each section. Section 1 and 2(b) localizes it to Brown County. Section 3 pertains to allowing the districts to set up the board. A new Section 4 would allow the Fair Association to apply for official designation.

Warden Noe, attorney for the Tri-County Fair Association, residing in Holton appeared to answer questions. He served as attorney for the Board of Agriculture for 36 years and said the fair laws were established in 1929 with a grandfather clause. The laws do not permit any more than one county fair recognized in a county unless the grandfather clause applies. The provisions of this bill would place the responsibility on the city to make application for funds.

Ray Foster, Secretary of the Tri-County Fair Board appeared to answer questions. The fair was sponsored by the city at the time it was established and is operating under the grandfather clause. He has been on the Fair Board for 25 years. The city has been sponsoring and managing the Fair for the county. The city has subsidized the county and they would like to get it on paper.

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room 423-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 16, 1983

John Ruh, City Administrator of Horton said city employees are assigned to assist with setting up the Fair and raising money for the Fair. He said there is no problem with limiting the mill levy but it might be better to leave it open-ended. Horton has the facilities and would like to make the Fair official.

Senator Gordon said he feels it would be a big boost to the Fair and the community and thanked the committee for being able to present his bill.

Rep. Don Sallee said the Fair is in his district and he feels it is a benefit to the area and he supports the bill.

Chairman Fuller asked for committee debate and possible action on the bill heard yesterday, HB 2534.

Rep. Teagarden moved to table HB 2534 and recommend it for interim study. The motion was seconded by Rep. Solbach.

Rep. Arbuthnot said an amendment should be made. Rep. Teagarden said if there was no objection, he would withdraw his motion. There was no objection.

Rep. Hamm moved to make the amendment in the title of the bill, to strike the "8" in "28-1803" so that it would read, "2-1803". The motion was seconded by Rep. Eckert and motion passed.

Rep. Solbach moved that HB 2534 be passed out as amended. Rep. Teagarden seconded the motion and motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 423-S.

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