

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Agriculture and LivestockThe meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Bill Fuller at
Chairperson9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 22, 1984 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Campbell, Apt and Solbach, who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office
Margaret Gentry, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Don Jacka, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture
Sam Reda, Kansas Grain Inspection Service
Marvin Webb, Director, Kansas Grain Inspection Service

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman who reminded members of the joint meeting at noon in the Supreme Court room. He then opened the hearing on SB 592, and staff was asked to brief the committee.

Raney Gilliland explained the bill had been requested by the Board of Agriculture to give them specific authority to apply for, receive and administer federal funds, and to enter into contracts with the federal government, its agencies and other state agencies.

Don Jacka, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, told the Committee that their rationale in requesting the proposal was based on the antiquated statute which established the Board of Agriculture because in those days there was no federal funding. He explained that federal funds at present, come to the Board only in cases where there have been recent statutes for specific program operations such as with pesticides and in marketing. He stated that in 1973 they came close to losing federal funds for a program which was mandated because it was specified that it should be administered by the Board of Agriculture. They had a difficult time because there was no authority in the statutes to accept federal funds. He further explained that the bill would make their job easier and does not give carte blanche authority to accept and spend funds because most are matching funds for which the state makes application. If approved, then the state takes the matter to the legislature through budgetary process or through the Finance Council.

The Chairman directed attention to SB 808 and asked staff to explain the bill. Raney Gilliland explained that the proposal had been requested by the Director of the Kansas State Grain Inspection Department, to update terminology and make changes in fees. He noted there had been attempts to handle the changes by Rules and Regulations but the Attorney General had said they needed statutory changes.

Sam Reda and Marvin Webb were available to answer questions. Mr. Webb noted that prices are increasing all the time and as this is not a tax agency they look to fees for their income. The Chairman asked for an explanation of the steps in amending a license. Mr. Reda said sometimes it is necessary for the examiner to make an inspection and the accountant needs an updated financial statement, and in all it is a time consuming process. Mr. Webb was questioned concerning Section 13 and he told the committee that the warehouseman is responsible for keeping the grain in condition, and is bonded. Mr. Reda said

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CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Agriculture and Livestock,
room 423-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m. ~~p.m.~~ on March 22, 1984

the bill does not contain policy changes--only rewording.
The Chairman declared the hearing closed.

The Chairman announced that Monday and Tuesday of the following week would be devoted to committee discussion and action on the four Senate bills and the Resolution. He suggested if there are proposed amendments, that they be in proper form.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 1984, 9:00 A.M., Room 423-S.