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Stephen R. Cloud
Date 2-27-84

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud at
Chairperson

9:09 a.m./p.m. on February 16, 1984 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Department
Russ Mills - Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman - Revisor's Office
Jackie Breymeyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Lee Hamm
Harland Priddle - Secretary of Agriculture
Jamie Schwartz - Secretary, KDED
Rep. Bill Fuller

The meeting of the House Governmental Organization Committee was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman. The minutes of the February 9 meeting were approved.

HB 2907 - Department of economic development, agribusiness development specialist.

The chairman introduced Rep. Lee Hamm, who was present to speak to the bill. He said this position in the KDED is necessary to promote agricultural business in Kansas. The state has dealt mostly with commodities in the past. It is time to devote as much effort as possible to promoting business in Kansas, using Kansas products.
(See Attachment I)

Harland Priddle, Secretary of Agriculture, spoke in support of the bill. He cited various statistics dealing with agriculture that make it the number one business in the state. Agriculture is 20% of the gross national product. 2.7 million people live on farms, but agriculture is much more vast than this; it is a world-wide industry. This bill will address just that job which would be agri-business itself.

Jamie Schwartz, Secretary, KDED, defined agri-business as those businesses which use agricultural products or manufacture goods and services for agricultural use. The KDED and the Board of Agriculture enjoy a close and cooperative relationship. He stated that, as the health of the Kansas economy is so closely tied to the well-being of agriculture and agri-business, any way the department can assist in the development of growth of the use of agricultural products and services is good for all Kansans. (See Attachment II)

Rep. Bill Fuller, Chairman, House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, said that this bill would promote and address the needs of agriculture in the state. It is developing a new concept in agriculture. He is not sure if it should be located within the KDED or whether it should be located within the State Board of Agriculture or, perhaps, the International Trade Council at Kansas State University. (Attachment III)

Secretary Priddle said that the International Trade Council deals with the business aspect of agriculture, where the Institute focuses on the educational aspect.

The Chairman thanked the conferees and directed the Committee's attention to the Subcommittee Report on Board of Healing Arts and Commission for Hearing Impaired. (Attachments IV & V)

Rep. Sughrue gave the healing arts subcommittee report. After discussion, Rep. Sughrue moved that the Subcommittee Report on the Board of Healing Arts be adopted. Rep. Hassler gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Rep. Love gave the subcommittee report on the hearing impaired. After discussion, Rep. Harder moved the Subcommittee Report on the Commission for Hearing Impaired be adopted. Rep. Sprague gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION,

room 522-S, Statehouse, at 9:09 a.m./p.m. on February 16, 1984.

The Committee turned to HB 2654. Rep. Matlack moved that HB 2654 be amended on page 1, in line 22, after "every", inserting "state"; also in line 22, by striking, "of the state of Kansas"; in line 28, after "documents", inserting "which are"; and also adding a new section three as suggested by the Kansas League of Municipalities. (See Attachment II, January 31 meeting) Rep. Barr gave a second to the motion. Th motion carried.

Rep. Walker moved to amend HB 2654 by insertion of a new subsection (b). Rep. Murphy gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Rep. Walker moved to report HB 2654 favorably as amended. Rep. Ramirez gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

HCR 5070 was given the Committee's attention. Rep. Hassler moved to adopt HCR 5070 favorably. Rep. Smith gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2780 was taken up by the committee. Rep. Murphy moved to pass HB 2780 favorably. Rep. Ediger gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK
MEMBER: WAYS AND MEANS

We realize the problems in agriculture; in our search for ideas of what could be done on the state level, we realized we are very limited in addressing the complex problems. We say, and rightfully so, agriculture is our number one business, yet, we only scratch the surface in our efforts of overall promotion of that number one business.

In looking at the Department of Economic Development, we feel that in their overall promotion of business, they should have someone designated and working in the promotion of Kansas' number one business. In daily activities, they have many contacts which might be used to benefit our largest industry.

Other states are putting us to shame as far as what they are doing in this area. We feel it is time to devote as much effort as possible to promoting business in Kansas, using Kansas products. We can do this in many ways, whether it is helping to make and promote value added products, the possibility of manufacturing paper out of Kansas fibers, adhesives, alcohol and many more ideas that will come along, if we can but create the atmosphere.

We need this position in KDED to work full time along these lines and as they go about carrying out their other activities of promoting Kansas business, there will be someone who can take advantage of any ideas and inquiries that might come their way. Working together with and sharing information with Kansas State and the State Board of Agriculture, new research and development might take place that would utilize the produce with which we have been so abundantly blessed; agriculture will once again be able to stand tall.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

H.B. 2907

February 16, 1984

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CHARLES J. "Jamie" SCHWARTZ
Secretary

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Kansas ranks as one of the leading agricultural states in the nation. In 1981, according to the Kansas Board of Agriculture, the total cash receipts in the state for crops and livestock products amounted to 5.8 billion dollars. This represents a healthy portion of Kansas' Gross State Product of 30 billion dollars in 1981 (nearly 20 percent).

Much of the agricultural products produced in Kansas leaves the state for export or processing elsewhere. While Kansas ranked number one in the nation in the amount of flour milled in 1981, we have lost some of our production capacity in recent years.

As with agricultural products themselves, agri-businesses (those businesses which use agricultural products or manufacture goods and services for agricultural use) make up a very important segment of the State's economy and provide important jobs and revenue.

The Kansas Department of Economic Development and the Kansas Board of Agriculture enjoys a very close and cooperative working relationship in a number of areas, especially in developing international markets for Kansas agricultural products. We will continue to work together for the benefit

of agriculture and Kansas. I would hope that nothing would jeopardize this close working relationship.

Since one of our primary responsibilities at KDED is to promote the development of new businesses or assist existing Kansas businesses to stay or expand in our state, it is only natural many of these firms are agriculturally related. The health of the Kansas economy is very dependent on the well-being of agriculture and agri-business, probably the most singularly important aspect of our economy. Any way we can assist in developing growth of the use of Kansas agricultural products and services is good for all of Kansas.

Any additional efforts in dollars and time spent in developing agri-business in Kansas is dollars and time well spent. We must do all we can.

A number of our neighboring states have placed added emphasis on agri-business development or are in the process of doing so.

South Dakota has combined the efforts of their agriculture marketing department and industrial development efforts into a new cabinet level agency with nine full-time personnel for agricultural development alone. The Ohio Department of Development has added a full-time position in the past year for agri-related development. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has just recently opened a Food Processing Center in cooperation with their University to assist processors of their state's agricultural products with technical and scientific aid. Similar efforts

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are also being implemented in the Iowa Development Commission.

A full-time position in the Kansas Department of Economic Development for agri-business development could blend well with our current efforts in economic development. Kansas agriculture deserves special recognition of its importance and could allow us to increase our expertise in this area. Maximum results could be obtained with a minimum of expenditures.

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MEMBER INSURANCE
TRANSPORTATION

Testimony by Rep. Bill Fuller

HB 2907

House Governmental Organization Committee

February 16, 1984

Chairman Cloud and Members of the Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to testify today on HB 2907. As chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee and a farmer myself, I have a real interest in promoting agriculture and addressing its needs. However, my remarks today are my own and not necessarily the views of the entire Agriculture Committee.

I commend the sponsors of this legislation for the concept of their attempt in creating a position of "agricultural business development specialist". With agriculture being the No. 1 industry in Kansas, it is not only embarrassing but totally unacceptable that less than one percent of the state general fund budget is allocated to agriculture. For too long, many members of the agriculture community and members of the Kansas legislature have underestimated their ability in addressing Kansas agriculture needs. Too often we have looked to Washington.

I ask that this committee give serious consideration to the placement of these resources for agriculture. This bill delegates this responsibility to the Department of Economic Development. I

Bill Fuller

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ask that the committee not overlook the options at the State Board of Agriculture and the International Trade Council at Kansas State University. Today there seems to be a very close working relationship between the Department of Economic Development and the State Board of Agriculture. It is imperative that we maintain this productive relationship. The State Board of Agriculture has been the voice for Kansas agriculture for the past 113 years. This voice has become loud and clear in recent years. Kansas agriculture has become respected and effective on both the national and international levels as a result of the leadership of Secretary Priddle. It would seem appropriate that agriculture continue to be represented by a united voice rather than place this function in the Department of Economic Development.

It is my understanding that a number of the functions suggested in HB 2907 are already being carried out by the State Board of Agriculture. In fact, there have been spin-offs from grain export sales that have resulted in the sale of other Kansas products.

In addition, placing the functions proposed in HB 2907 in the State Board of Agriculture insulates these activities from the political process. We are fortunate in Kansas to have the State Board of Agriculture operated by the farm and agri-business interests of Kansas. I support our Governor's proposal to develop some long range planning and remove agriculture from the political arena on the national level. I believe this policy is also good for Kansas. It is unpredictable how future chief administrators of Kansas would

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view this position. In fact, I believe more stability in promoting agricultural interests could be achieved by placing this function in the State Board of Agriculture.

I ask the committee to consider two other factors in your deliberations of HB 2907. First, the Secretary of the Department of Economic Development had informed me that he did not request this position. In addition, the Governor's budget proposal does not provide funding for this function, however, this should not be considered a road block on this proposal.

In closing, I respectfully ask the committee to accept the concept of this proposal in creating a position for an agri-business development specialist. On the other hand, I ask the committee to study carefully the policy of where this responsibility should be administered - the Department of Economic Development or the State Board of Agriculture or other organizations such as the International Trade Council at K-State. We must receive the most results for the dollars we spend.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

February 2, 1984

TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
FROM: Subcommittee A
RE: Board of Healing Arts

The subcommittee makes the following recommendations pursuant to its sunset review of the Board of Healing Arts.

1. The Board of Healing Arts should be continued in existence under the Sunset Law until 1992. This will be accomplished through enactment of S.B. 533.
2. The Board has implemented the provisions of 1983 S.B. 41, including the mandatory reporting requirement for licensees and administrators and deletion of the "good moral character" licensure requirement.
3. The subcommittee takes note of the concern expressed by the Board that "good moral character" should be reinstated in the licensure laws but makes no recommendation in this area.

Subcommittee Members:

Representative Wanda Fuller,
Chairperson
Representative Clarence Love
Representative Alfred Ramirez
Representative Marvin Smith
Representative Kathryn Sughrue

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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

February 3, 1984

TO: House Governmental Organization Committee
FROM: Subcommittee A
RE: Commission for the Hearing Impaired

The subcommittee makes the following recommendations pursuant to its sunset review of the Commission for the Hearing Impaired.

1. The Commission for the Hearing Impaired should be continued in existence under the Sunset Law until 1992. This will be accomplished through enactment of S.B. 536.
2. A House Concurrent Resolution should be introduced by the Committee urging the Department of Education and local school districts to cooperate more fully with the Commission for the Hearing Impaired on providing services and programs for hearing impaired school children.
3. The Commission has requested the introduction of substantive legislation by the House Committee on Public Health and Welfare. If this bill is not introduced by that committee, the Governmental Organization Committee should introduce the bill.

Subcommittee Members:

Representative Wanda Fuller,
Chairperson
Representative Clarence Love
Representative Alfred Ramirez
Representative Marvin Smith
Representative Kathryn Sughrue

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