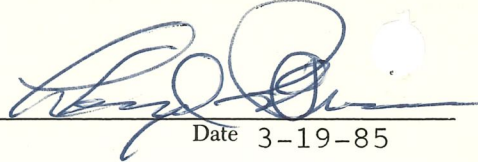


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Date 3-19-85

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Lloyd D. Polson at  
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 27, 1985 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Solbach who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Mary Jane Holt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Chronister  
Don Jacka, Assistant Secretary, Kansas State Board of Agriculture

Hearing on H.B. 2273 - Economic effect on rules and regulations on small businesses

Representative Rochelle Chronister stated H. B. 2273 sets a state policy that would recognize the economic potential effect that state agency rules and regulations could have on small businesses. Small businesses are defined as employing 250 people or less, (Attachment A).

The Chairman announced the hearing on H.B. 2273 was closed.

Hearing on H.B. 2469 - Relating to the reports and publications of the State Board of Agriculture

Raney Gilliland reviewed H.B. 2469. The State Board of Agriculture requested this bill as they would like to issue an annual report instead of a biennial report.

Don Jacka explained during the 1983 legislative session funds for the 66th Annual Report and Farm Facts were removed from the agency's budget due to KSA 74-504, which stated the State Board of Agriculture could make a biennial report to the legislature. However, the State Board of Agriculture feels the data the annual report and farm facts contains is used for important decisions which directly affects the economy of the state and the data must be provided on a yearly basis. The last issue, covering the 1982 and 1983 calendar years, cost \$23,410 for 6,000 books or \$3.90 per book. The number of copies printed was reduced from 9,000 because of budgetary reductions, (Attachment B).

In answer to questions he said they propose to produce 7,500 books, which they estimate still cost \$3.90 a book, or a total of \$29,250. They do not have authority to sell the books.

The Chairman announced the hearing on H.B. 2469 was closed.

Action on H.B. 2004 - Testing of large-capacity scales and liquefied petroleum gas meters was considered by the Committee.

Representative Hamm moved to amend H.B. 2004 to strike new section 5 and renumber the following sections. Representative Dean seconded the motion.

Representative Neufeld offered a substitute motion to strike language which would have permitted the State Sealer to collect a validation fee of \$50 from the testing company if the State Sealer found the scale out of compliance after repairs had been made to it; and strike language that would have given the State Sealer 30 days to test a large scale for accuracy after repairs had been made, in new Section 5. Representative Teagarden seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS,  
room 423-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m. ~~pm~~ on February 27, 1985

Representative Clifford Campbell moved to amend on page 4, line 126, by adding farmers or ranchers who own and operate large capacity scales used in private treaty transactions, are exempt from annual testing requirements. The motion was seconded by Representative Roenbaugh. The motion passed.

Representative Teagarden moved to amend line 124 to read 12 months instead of 24 months. Representative Neufeld seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Representative Teagarden made a motion to change the wording on page 2, line 72 to read, be required to obtain a license for each place of business, instead of, only one license. The motion was seconded by Representative Hamm, and the motion passed.

Representative Neufeld made a conceptual motion to amend line 0078 by striking the words, one or more, and inserting the word each. Representative Teagarden seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Clifford Campbell made a motion the Committee pass the bill out of committee favorably, as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Buehler. The motion passed.

The Chairman reported on the Washington, D.C. trip concerning the farm problems.

Representative Apt announced the subcommittee on grain indemnity trust funds would meet Thursday noon in Room 423-S.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 28, 1985, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 423-S.





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WAYS AND MEANS

HB 2273 is a bill which would set a state policy that recognizes the greater potential effect of rules and regulations on small businesses (those under 250 employees), and says state agencies shall consider the economic effect of their rules and regulations on those businesses. When an adverse effect is noted, the agency may take certain steps to reduce that effect if it is not specifically prohibited (as in fire or safety codes) by:

- 1) establishing separate compliance on reports, or
- 2) by exempting small businesses from all or part of the rule or regulation.

The legislature has recognized in the past the problems created for smaller businesses. For instance, at the time that the speed-up of sales tax collections took place two years ago, the state had a sliding scale for the number of times a business must turn in collections based on the size of the business.

1st District Rep. Pat Roberts has called on the federal government to change its rules and regulations on small hospitals in light of the economic problems that are being created in requiring the same regs for St. Francis Hospital in Wichita and Thomas County Hospital.

According to the Third Annual Report prepared by the Small Business Administration, small businesses in Kansas account for 99% of the business establishments and provide 82% of Kansas jobs. More than 35% of Kansas' total employment is provided by firms with fewer than 100 employees. Obviously, the backbone of the Kansas commercial sector is the small businessman. Over 80% of the growth in new businesses is in those with under 250 employees. The agricultural crisis is having a great effect on small businesses in Kansas and anything that we can do to relieve some of the burden on these businesses will help the economic climate of the State.

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Attachment A

HOUSE BILL 2469  
TESTIMONY BEFORE  
THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
AND SMALL BUSINESS

PRESENTED BY

DONALD L. JACKA  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
OF AGRICULTURE

27 FEBRUARY 1985

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*Attachment B*

A FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE IN 1877 AND CONTINUING TO TODAY IS THE FUNCTION OF COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF KANSAS AGRICULTURAL DATA. IN LARGE PART, THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN FULFILLING THAT RESPONSIBILITY, ASSIGNED TO IT BY THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE, THROUGH YEARLY PUBLICATION OF KANSAS AGRICULTURE, THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FARM FACTS OF THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FARM FACTS PUBLICATION IS A RECORD OF KANSAS AGRICULTURE MAINTAINED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1877. IT CURRENTLY RECORDS 105 YEARS OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF KANSAS AGRICULTURE--THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE. USUALLY ENCOMPASSING ABOUT 275 PAGES, THE BOOK HAS SERVED TO PROVIDE VALUABLE HISTORICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON A TIMELY BASIS TO A NUMBER OF PUBLICS IN KANSAS AND OTHER STATES.

THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FARM FACTS CONTAINS IMPORTANT DATA WHICH ARE USED BY FARMERS, AGRIBUSINESSES, POTENTIAL IMPORTERS OF KANSAS FARM PRODUCTS AND OTHERS FOR DECISION-MAKING. PUBLISHING THIS MATERIAL ON A YEARLY BASIS HAS ENABLED THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO FULFILL ITS STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY IN A TIMELY AND FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE MANNER. THE DATA IT CONTAINS MUST BE FURNISHED TO FARMERS AND RANCHERS AND OTHERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER IT HAS BEEN GATHERED.

THE PUBLICATION IS THE ONLY REPORT OF ITS TYPE CONTAINING A HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF KANSAS AGRICULTURE. IT CONTAINS AN ANNUAL REPORT OF AND HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF FARMING IN KANSAS. IT CONTAINS PRODUCTION AND PRICE RECORDS FOR FARM COMMODITIES ALONG WITH BRIEF ACCOUNTS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFFECTING KANSAS AGRICULTURE.

TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL DATA PROVIDES FARMERS AND RANCHERS WITH THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DECIDE WHICH CROPS AND/OR LIVESTOCK ENTERPRISES MAY BE THE MOST ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE FOR THEM. THE REPORTS ALSO ASSIST AGRIBUSINESS FIRMS, BOTH THOSE ALREADY LOCATED IN THE STATE AND THOSE CONSIDERING MOVES TO OR INVESTMENTS IN KANSAS, IN DECISIONS ON LOCATIONS OR WHERE TO PLACE CONCENTRATIONS OF THEIR PRODUCTS TO ASSIST FARMERS AND RANCHERS IN THEIR TASK OF PROVIDING FOOD AND FIBER TO CONSUMERS IN KANSAS, THE U.S. AND THE WORLD IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER POSSIBLE.

THE REGULAR DISTRIBUTION OF THIS REPORT INCLUDES KANSAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS; LEGISLATORS; BANKS; VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS; STUDENTS; AGRIBUSINESSES, INCLUDING MILLERS, ELEVATORS, REAL ESTATE COMPANIES, INSURANCE COMPANIES, INVESTMENT FIRMS, EQUIPMENT DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS, FERTILIZER, FEED AND CHEMICAL COMPANIES; COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS; AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION

SERVICE OFFICES; FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION OFFICES; KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND STAFF; OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE, THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES; NEWS MEDIA; OTHER STATE AGENCIES; OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE; FOREIGN TRADE TEAMS; AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE PLACED ON THE MAILING LIST.

THE PUBLICATION IS MAILED BOTH FROM THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND THE KANSAS CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTING SERVICE OFFICES TO A REGULAR MAILING LIST AND IN ANSWER TO SOME 4,000 INFORMATION REQUESTS YEARLY. IT ALSO IS USED AS A PUBLIC RELATIONS TOOL BY THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND ITS STAFF MEMBERS AS THEY ATTEND FAIRS, TRADE SHOWS AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS. MANY TIMES THE PUBLICATION IS HAND-CARRIED TO THOSE EVENTS TO SAVE POSTAGE COSTS. IT ALSO IS USED AS A GIFT AND INFORMATIONAL PIECE FOR TRADE TEAMS IN KANSAS ON BUYING OR EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS.

THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FARM FACTS, WHICH IS PRINTED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S DIVISION OF PRINTING, IS PRODUCED CONSERVATIVELY TO KEEP PRINTING COSTS AT A MINIMUM. THE LAST ISSUE, COVERING THE 1982 AND 1983 CALENDAR YEARS, CONSISTED OF 6,000 BOOKS PRINTED AT A TOTAL COST OF \$23,410 OR \$3.90 PER 260 PAGE BOOK. ITS PER COPY COST WAS HIGHER LAST YEAR BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF COPIES WAS REDUCED FROM 9,000 TO 6,000 BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY REDUCTIONS.



DURING THE 1983 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, FUNDS FOR THE 66TH ANNUAL REPORT AND FARM FACTS WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENCY'S BUDGET. THIS ACTION WAS PREDICATED ON REFERENCE TO K.S.A. 74-504 WHICH SAYS, IN PART, "THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE MAY MAKE A BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE, EMBRACING A GENERAL VIEW OF THE CONDITION OF AGRICULTURE THROUGHOUT THE STATE, ACCOMPANIED BY SUCH ESSAYS, STATEMENTS, STATISTICS, DIAGRAMS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS SHALL BE DEEMED INTERESTING AND USEFUL...." IT IS THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE'S OPINION THAT THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FARM FACTS HAS BEEN AND COULD CONTINUE TO BE PRODUCED AT A MINIMUM COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF KANSAS. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE WAY FOR THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE A LARGE VARIETY OF AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC. IN AN ERA OF RAPID COMMUNICATIONS AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES BESETTING AGRICULTURE, IT BECOMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT THIS DATA BE PROVIDED TO FARMERS, AGRIBUSINESS PERSONS AND OTHERS ON A TIMELY BASIS. THE DATA THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FARM FACTS CONTAINS IS USED FOR IMPORTANT DECISIONS WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE; THAT DATA MUST BE PROVIDED ON A REGULAR, YEARLY BASIS.

IT IS THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE'S CONTENTION THAT IT CAN BEST FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO GATHER AND DISSEMINATE AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION BY PRODUCING A REPORT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARM FACTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND THAT K.S.A. 74-504 SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ THAT "THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE MAY SHALL MAKE A BIENNIAL AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE...." HOUSE BILL 2469 PRESENTS THIS NEEDED AMENDMENT.