

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Senator Allen at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on January 23, 1985 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Allen, chairman, called the Senate Agriculture Committee to order. After welcoming the members, Senator Allen announced most committee meetings would be scheduled on the days of Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday. Members were invited to request a committee meeting if they desired a meeting. Senator Allen ask if any committee member had a bill to be introduced.

Senator Allen ask Raney Gilliland, Research Department to explain the one bill and one resolution that originated from the Summer Interim Study Committee on Agriculture and Livestock: that is S.B. 23 and SCR 1601.

Raney Gilliland explained S.B. 23, is a bill that would establish a 100% Kansas finest quality grain marketing program. The program would be under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture and financed by that department with appropriations made for the program. The 1986 cost of this program is estimated to be \$192,724.

After the explanation the following questions were ask and discussed:

Does this bill mean 100% Kansas finest grain must be grown inside the borders of Kansas?

What does the word 'arrange' mean on line 38 of the bill and how would the plan work?

How is the grain going to be handled after it reaches the port facility to guarantee it isn't mixed with lower grade grains?

Who will pay the cost it takes to procure this extra quality grain?

Are there any elevators willing to participate in this program?

Is there any information about the amount of participation there would be in this grain program? Would there be enough to fill one ship?

Is there a market for the finest grade of grain?

Have co-ops in the state ever looked into a grain program such as this?

Senator Allen announced there would be ample time for hearings on this bill.

Raney Gilliland explained SCR 1601 requests the United States Department of Agriculture change current grades for grain.

There were no questions.

Senator Allen reported the hearing for this resolution is scheduled for January 30.

Senator Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

