

Senate and House
MINUTES OF THE Joint / COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Representative Polson, Chairman, House Agriculture and Small Business Comm. at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m. ~~XXX~~ on February 7, 19~~84~~⁸⁵ in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Richard Gannon (E)

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Frank Mosier, Agricultural Stabilization
and Conservation Service.

Representative Polson, Chairman, of the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee called the Joint House and Senate Agriculture Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in room 313-S.

Representative Polson explained the meeting was planned to hear about federal farm legislation programs. Representative Polson introduced Frank Mosier, State Director, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Mr. Mosier showed a film which discussed farm programs, policies and legislation. Discussion and questions, after the film, centered around farm production programs in our country and foreign countries, the theme that farming has changed but not farm programs, the need to change farm policies to better compete for foreign markets, how the value of our dollar affects our agricultural business and the export of agricultural products, domestic and export subsidies, costs of farm loans. Farm policy is at a crossroads; rigid farm programs do not adjust to the fast changing agricultural industry; the need is long range agriculture policies rather than new bills each year.

Representative Polson thanked Mr. Mosier and turned the meeting over to Senator Allen. Senator Allen announced the Special Joint House and Senate Agriculture Committee would meet after adjournment. Senator Allen declared the joint committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

