

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Senator Montgomery at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m./p.m. on March 20, 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: Ken Wilke, Kansas State Board of Agriculture
Dean Garwood, Kansas State Board of Agriculture

Senator Montgomery called the committee to order at 10:00 a.m. Senator Montgomery explained it was Ag Day in the Capitol and Senator Allen was participating in the welcoming and ribbon cutting ceremony and would be joining the committee later. Senator Warren made a motion the minutes of the March 19 meeting be approved. Senator Arasmith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Montgomery called on Ken Wilke, Board of Agriculture, to discuss HB 2469.

Ken Wilke explained HB 2469 would require the Board of Agriculture to publish yearly rather than biennial a report which provides a general view of conditions and farm statistics of agriculture in Kansas. (see attachment A). Mr. Wilke encouraged passage of HB 2469.

Discussion followed regarding reinstating the agricultural census.

Ken Wilke next discussed HB 2471. Mr. Wilke explained HB 2471, as amended, would add the definition of "adulteration" to the Kansas Grade A Milk Law and to the Kansas Dairy Laws. The bill also transfers the duties of conducting milk survey ratings from the Secretary of Health and Environment to the State Dairy Commissioner. Mr. Wilke stated the Department of Health and Environment approves of this bill also.

The next conferee was Dean Garwood who expressed the support of the State Board of Agriculture for HB 2487, a bill to amend the Kansas Apiary Inspection Act. Discussion followed concerning how bee diseases are located and controlled also how branding of bee owned equipment would help in locating stolen bee equipment.

The chairman called for committee action on HB 2487.

Senator Arasmith moved and Senator Thiessen seconded the motion to recommend HB 2487 favorably for passage. Motion carried.

Senator Allen ask for committee action on HB 2471. Senator Montgomery moved and Senator Gannon seconded the motion to recommend HB 2471 favorably for passage. Motion carried.

Senator Allen ask for committee action on HB 2469.

Committee discussion centered around the cost of reinstating an agricultural census as an amendment to the bill. Senator Kerr made a conceptional amendment motion for HB 2469 to reinstate the agricultural census as it was before it was abolished. Senator Thiessen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Further action will be taken after the amended form is written.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture,
room 423-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m.~~p.m.~~ on March 20, 1985.

Senator Allen presented each committee member with a copy of the Ag Resolution proclaiming today, March 20 as "Agriculture Day", which will be introduced in the afternoon session of the Senate. (see attachment B).

By motion of Senator Gannon and seconded by Senator Karr the minutes of the March 19 meeting were corrected to include that Mr. Blanton stated his company was complying with the Minnesota labeling law and that now the federal government is challenging them because the federal regulations differ with the Minnesota law.

Senator Allen declared the committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: SENATE AGRICULTURE

DATE: March 20, 1985

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
Robert Waldman	Grinnell Ks	Farm Bureau
RALPH OSTMEYER	GRINNELL, KS.	FARM BUREAU
LARRY D. WOODSON	TOPEKA	KBOA
Archie Hurst	Topeka	Ks Bd. Agri.
MOE JOHNSON	"	Ks Bd of Agr.
Carole Jordan	Topeka	Ks Bd of Agriculture
Dean Carwood	Topeka	Ks. Bd. of Agric.
Russ Hummel	Coffeyville	KEHC - <i>Kalamazoo Hwy</i>
Carlene Smith	Coffeyville	KEHU
Sheryll Ferree	Coffeyville	KEHU
Judy Peterson	Rt 1 Liberty	KEHU
Katharine Ihresen	R1 Indep.	guest
Betty Brewer	5205. 10 th Indep	guest
Ruth Mitchell	RR #2 Independence	Ks guest
McCarl Hunt	Route 4 Bx 22	guest
Linda Carr	Independence, Ks	guest
Dorothy Smith	Independence, Ks	guest
Kay Owens	Coffeyville Ks.	guest
Opal Ewing	Independence, Kans.	guest
Neva C. Plummer	Independence Kansas	guest
Neva B. Plummer	Cherryvale, Kans	guest
Rita LeRoy	Independence, Kans.	guest

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HOUSE BILL 2469

TESTIMONY BEFORE

THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

AND SMALL BUSINESS

PRESENTED BY

KENNETH M. WILKE

CHIEF COUNSEL

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

MARCH 20, 1985

attachment A
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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. 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 DATE 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 FACT FACTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND THAT HOUSE BILL 2469 AS AMENDED FULFILLS THIS NEED.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____

By Committee on Agriculture

A RESOLUTION proclaiming March 20, 1985, as "Agriculture Day."

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the oldest, largest and most respected industry in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture was and still is the foundation of the economic structure of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The American farmer, including the Kansas farmer, of today produces enough food to feed 79 people at a price that is a lower percentage of income than the price paid by the American people a generation ago; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas farmer produces over 400,000,000 bushels of wheat each year, which is over 16 percent of the entire United States wheat crop; and

WHEREAS, The production of wheat in Kansas has made the state number one in flour milling capacity, flour milled and the amount of wheat exported from any state; and

WHEREAS, Kansas agriculture ranks number three in the country in the production of beef; and

WHEREAS, Kansas ranks number six among the states in total agricultural exports amounting to \$2.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, Kansas ranked number one in the country in grain sorghum production during 1984 with 216.8 million bushels; and

WHEREAS, Kansas produces field crops, livestock and poultry having a value of more than \$5 billion in a single year; and

WHEREAS, The United States and the state of Kansas owe a great debt to the thousands of industrious individuals who have given their heart and spirit to the production of food so millions of people could live healthy and happier lives; and

WHEREAS, The American farmer and the Kansas farmer have been and will continue to be the great providers for the people of the United States and of the world: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we proclaim March 20, 1985, as "Agriculture Day."

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attachment B