

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 March 25, 1985 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~XXXXX~~

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Research Department  
Arden Ensley, Revisor of Statutes Department

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Robert Talkington, President of the Senate  
Harley Duncan, Department of Administration  
Carol Hedges, Governor's Office

Senator Allen called the Senate Agriculture Committee to order at 10:10 a.m.

Senator Norvell made a motion the minutes of the March 20 and 21 committee meetings be approved. Senator Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Allen ask Raney Gilliland to do an overview of SB 347 and SB 349.

Raney Gilliland explained the purpose of both bills is to provide low interest loans to farmers in Kansas. The lending institution would decide who is qualified for a loan. The loans would be available from time it is printed in the Kansas register to July 1986.

SB 349 proposes loans be made available to farmers from unused state funds deposited in banks throughout Kansas. A farmer would have to have capital enough to secure a loan. The loans would be available May 1, 1985, to August 1, 1986.

The chairman called on Senator Talkington to testify. Senator Talkington stated both SB 347 and SB 349 deal with the same subject that is to provide some low interest loans for Kansas farmers. The senator stated these loans would be made available from state funds that are deposited in banks in Kansas and the banker would decide if a farmer is eligible or not for a low interest production loan. The senator stated the state is limited in helping farmers but the low interest loan program would be helpful.

Senator Allen called on Carol Hedges to testify.

Carol Hedges stated she was expressing support for the plan of the Governor to help the Kansas farmer. Ms. Hedges stated farmers would be helped by this proposed legislation in which the state would be making lower interest loans available to them which would be used for the costs of preparing land and/or buying seed. Ms. Hedges stated a tax credit would be given to institutions participating in this loan program. Ms. Hedges stated both SB 347 and SB 349 indicate a new direction for the Kansas Legislature and encouraged enactment of this legislation which will help Kansas farmers.

Senator Allen stated the hearings on these two bills will continue tomorrow and then declared the committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

