

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Senator Allen at \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

8:35 a.m. ~~xxx~~ on April 26, 1985 in room 525-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Arasmith (excused)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Research Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Allen called the committee to order at 8:35 a.m. in room 525-S. Senator Norvell made a motion the minutes of the April 12 meeting be approved. Senator Doyen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The chairman called on Raney Gilliland to list suggested topics for summer interim studies. (see attachment A). The committee agreed and suggested topics 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 with the addition of SB 308 which is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee and to include the subject of extending redemption periods concerning farm foreclosures and bankruptcies, and 8 which would be for not only Arkan but also other kinds of wheat. The chairman ask Raney Gilliland to write a letter to the Legislative Coordinating Council requesting these items be approved for summer study.

Senator Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

MEMORANDUM

April 25, 1985

TO: Senate Agriculture Committee  
FROM: Kansas Legislative Research Department  
RE: Possible Interim Study Topics

The following briefly outlines some of the possible topics which this Committee could recommend to the Legislative Coordinating Council for interim study.

1. The House Agriculture and Small Business Committee assigned two bills (H.B. 2239 and H.B. 2418) to a subcommittee for consideration. Both of these bills would have established an indemnity fund to protect depositors of grain in warehouses from losses if the grain warehouse becomes insolvent. The Subcommittee recommended that this issue be the topic of an interim study.
2. During this legislative session, this Committee held a hearing on S.B. 336. This bill would have enacted the Public Grain Dealer Law, and would have required public grain dealers to be licensed and examined by the Kansas State Grain Inspection Department.
3. The House Agriculture Committee also held a hearing on H.B. 2161. This bill would have amended statutes dealing with farm tenancies. The bill would have changed the date of notification of termination of the tenancy and altered the rights of tenants to retain use of land that had been devoted to the preparation of a fall seeded grain crop.
4. The Legislature, particularly in the Ways and Means Committees, dealt with the issue of providing seed money for an International Livestock Program at Kansas State University. An interim Agriculture Committee could deal specifically with any implementation legislation that may be needed.
5. The Senate and House Ways and Means Committees recommended that there be an interim study of the coordination of state agencies involved in marketing activities. These agencies include the International Grains Program at Kansas State University, the International Trade Institute at Kansas State University, the Marketing Division of the State Board of Agriculture, the Kansas Department of Economic Development, the Kansas Wheat Commission, the Kansas Corn Commission, the Kansas Soybean Commission, and the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission.

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attachment A

6. The Senate Committee held a hearing on S.B. 288, which would have amended the Corporate Farming Law to permit agricultural land to be owned by an authorized agricultural investment corporation pursuant to a qualified lease back with option to purchase agreement.
7. The Senate Committee also dealt with S.B. 289, which would have amended the Uniform Commercial Code so that purchasers of farm products would purchase those products free from any security interest. This was a topic of interim study during the 1984 interim.
8. During the 1984 Legislative Session, the two Agriculture Committees became aware of the problem of Arkan wheat possibly being classified as a soft rather than a hard wheat by the Federal Grain Inspection Service. As a result, the 1984 Legislature appropriated \$100,000 to Kansas State University for research to be conducted to insure the correct classification and grading of all milling wheats. Additional money is appropriated for FY 1986. An interim agriculture committee could review the types of research being conducted, determine what kind of progress is being made, and what actions are being taken by the Federal Grain Inspection Service for the correct classification and grading of all milling wheats.