

Approved April 1, 1986
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Senator Allen at
Chairperson

10:12 a.m. ~~xxx~~ on March 27, 19⁸⁶ in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator F. Kerr (excused)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kenzie, Revisor of Statutes Department

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mary Harper, farm wife, Healy
Steven Anderson, family farmer, Alma

Senator Allen called the Committee to order and called for Committee action on the Committee minutes of March 24.

Senator Warren made a motion the minutes be approved. Senator Arasmith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman announced the Committee would hear the two conferees that did not get to testify the day before on HB 2640. He then called on Mary Harper to testify.

Ms. Harper gave copies of her testimony to the Committee (attachment 1). Ms. Harper spoke as an opponent to HB 2640 stating that she felt the program would benefit foreign countries and was not in the best interest of Kansas.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Harper and called on Steven Anderson to testify.

Mr. Anderson gave a handout to the Committee (attachment 2) and spoke as an opponent to HB 2640. Mr. Anderson encouraged the Committee to consider who the International Livestock Program would help and how is it going to help. Mr. Anderson stated that our country imports more beef than any other country in the world; so why spend money to try and make foreign markets when our country does not produce enough for our own use. He suggested that the Legislature had been listening to farm problems and suggested that money for this program could be spent on programs to help agriculture in our state. Mr. Anderson stated that if the International Grains Program is so good why are not our grain farmers doing better. Mr. Anderson suggested that if Kansas State needs a program they should do a program for here in our state. Mr. Anderson suggested that Kansas tax dollars be spent in Kansas. He stated there is enough foreign involvement in our state now.

In answer to Committee questions, Mr. Anderson answered that he felt there was enough foreign involvement with similar programs and that this program seemed to be a Johnny-Come-Lately Program.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Anderson and declared the hearing closed on HB 2640 and then called for Committee action on the bill.

Senator Doyen made a motion to amend the word 'meat' back into the bill on lines 21, 27, 48, 69, and 88; and that the word 'and' be inserted back in or added after the word meat in lines 22, 27, 48, 69, and 89; and that in line 31 a comma and the word 'meat' be added after the word livestock; and that in line 33 a period be added after the word buyers and that the words 'of such products' be deleted. The motion was seconded by Senator Gannon. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture,

room 423-S, Statehouse, at 10:12 a.m. ~~xxx~~ on March 27, 1986

During Committee discussion a concern was expressed for the provision in lines 73 through 83 providing for mileage and subsistence payments for advisory committee members to attend committee meetings.

Senator Karr made a conceptional motion for lines 73 through 83 to be stuck to make the International Livestock Program to have the same guidelines as the International Grains Program so that administratively the two programs will be parallel. Senator Doyen seconded the motion. During discussion of the motion, it was suggested that maybe payment for mileage and subsistence should be added for committee members of the International Grains Program, not deleting that provision from HB 2640 because maybe we are asking too much of the committee members. The motion carried.

Senator Doyen made a motion to report HB 2640 favorable for passage as amended. Senator Doyen withdrew his motion.

Committee discussion continued concerning the funding of the International Livestock Program. It was suggested that if the Legislature creates a program that it should fund it 100%, not 50% depending on a federal grant to provide 50% of the funding. It was requested that the request for 100% funding be recorded in the minutes and that the Committee Chairman take this request to the Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. It was also suggested that the proposed one cent sales tax increase was not final yet and that money should not be spent before it is available. The concern was expressed again that if Legislature creates a program they should also fund it adequately. The concern was expressed that the staff at Kansas State University is already working at capacity and adding more programs without funds to staff the program is not good.

Senator Doyen made a motion the Committee recommend HB 2640 favorable for passage as amended. Senator Gannon seconded the motion. During motion discussion the concern was expressed that Kansas is not an island unto itself and that Kansas is in competition with world markets and if we don't toot our own horn no one else will and that the International Livestock Program would be good for Kansas. Another concern was expressed that the International Livestock Program and the International Grains Program should be parallel in their administration and the funding of both programs. Motion carried.

Committee discussion concerned that at the end of the session there may not be funds for all programs and that has to be accepted; also that there would never be an International Livestock Program if it isn't voted out of Committee to get it in front of the Ways and Means Committee for consideration. It was also stated that considering Kansas number one business is agriculture it does not receive its share of the state budget.

The Chairman requested that the subcommittee on SB 735 have a report ready for the Committee on April 1. The Chairman then adjourned the Committee at 11:00 a.m.

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

BY: Mary Harper

RE: H.B. 2640

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT FOLLOWING THIS BILL AND ADDRESSING IT EARLIER.

THE IDEA OF PROMOTING OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIONS IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA BUT I QUESTION ADMINISTERING THIS BY KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY. THE IDEA OF BRINGING TRADE TEAMS HERE SHOULD BE DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. THE IDEA OF PROVIDING RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS ALL RIGHT, BUT SHOULD NOT BE DONE AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE. THE ELITE FROM MOST FOREIGN COUNTRIES SEEM TO HAVE THE NECESSARY FUNDS. WE HAD AN INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE BOY FROM PAKISTAN WHO COULD NOT BELIEVE HOW POORLY WE LIVED AND THAT WE ACTUALLY WORKED.

MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO TRAVEL AND WE ALWAYS GO WHERE WE CAN FIND OUT ABOUT AGRICULTURE. WE HAVE BEEN IN MOST OF MEXICO. WE WORK WITH A MISSION THERE. PROBABLY TWENTY YEARS AGO A HERD OF SANTA GERTRUDIS CATTLE WAS GIVEN TO OUR PARTICULAR MISSION TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR CATTLE AND TO TEACH THEM. NORMAN VISITED A BIG FUEDAL LAND HOLDING OWNED BY A RETIRED ARMY OFFICER WHICH HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED BEAUTIFUL CHARALAIS CATTLE. A MAN WE KNOW HAD IMPORTED SOME GOATS FROM FRANCE AND WAS HELPING IMPROVE GOAT HERDS IN THIS VERY POOR AREA. THIS WAS BACK IN THE EARLY 1960'S. OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS WE WATCHED AS THE PURINA-RALSTON COMPANY DEVELOPED, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEXICAN AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT, BUILT HUGE HOG AND CHICKEN FARMS. THEY DID A GOOD JOB. WE HAVE SEEN HUGE PLANTATIONS BUILT UP BY JOHN DEERE COMPANY AND INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER. WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY HUGE CATTLE RANCHES IN THE WESTERN RANGE OF MOUNTAINS OWNED BY U.S. CATTLEMEN AND MEXICANS.

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attachment 1

THEIR GOVERNMENT ALLOWS OUTSIDE INVESTMENT OF 49% WITH A MEXICAN PARTNER OWNING 51%. WE KNOW THEY HAVE USED OUR TECHNOLOGY AND BREEDING STOCK, AS WELL AS FINANCIAL BACKING, FOR MANY YEARS.

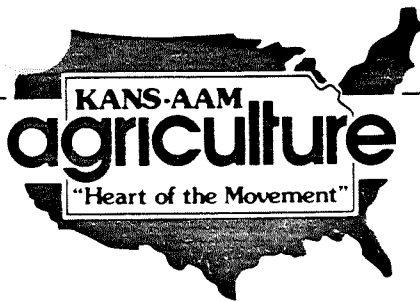
WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE U.S. IMPORTS MEAT, EVEN FROM MEXICO. IF WE DID NOT IMPORT ANY MEAT, WE WOULD BE PROVIDING MORE INCOME FOR BOTH OUR LIVESTOCK AND OUR GRAIN FARMERS. WE KNOW OUR KANSAS SUGAR INDUSTRY HAS BEEN KILLED BECAUSE OF IMPORTED SUGAR, AGREED TO BY OUR STATE DEPARTMENT AND BECAUSE INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES CAN BRING IT IN MORE CHEAPLY THAN WE CAN PRODUCE IT. YESTERDAY, WE HEARD THAT TAIWAN WANTS TO BUY SOME BREEDING STOCK AND WANTS OUR TECHNOLOGY TO HELP DEVELOP THEIR CATTLE AND SUGAR INDUSTRY.

I BELIEVE THIS INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK PROGRAM IS GOING TO BENEFIT THOSE INTERNATIONAL MARKETERS A GREAT DEAL. I JUST DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE TO SET UP ANOTHER PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THEM. I BELIEVE THE GRANTS KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY RECEIVES FROM THOSE COMPANIES AND THE WORK OF THE KANSAS LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION AND THE DIFFERENT BREED ORGANIZATIONS CAN CONTINUE AS THEY HAVE BEEN AND KANSAS STATE CAN CONTINUE TO COORDINATE TRAINING AND REFERRAL ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WHICH ALREADY HAS LISTINGS OF PRODUCERS TO HELP MAKE CONTACTS WITHOUT THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING PROVIDED IN H.B. 2640. I BELIEVE H.B. 2640 WILL BENEFIT INTERNATIONAL MARKETERS A GREAT DEAL IF YOU PASS IT.

FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS WE HAVE SENT KANSAS STATE SPECIALISTS OR ADVISORS TO OTHER COUNTRIES. OUR SON WAS IN INDIA WITH THE PEACE CORPS TO HELP WITH THEIR WHEAT FARMING. NOW THEY EXPORT WHEAT. WE KNEW A COUNTY AGENT WHO WENT TO INDIA AND WHILE THEY WERE THERE, WE EXCHANGED LETTERS REGULARLY, SO WE KNOW SOMETHING OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHILE I WAS PREPARING THIS I FOUND IN S.B. 537 REGARDING KANSAS STATE'S BUDGET THAT ANY SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO K.S.A. 75-3738 THROUGH 75-3740a INCLUSIVE. I LOOKED IN THE STATUTE BOOK AND FIND THEY DO NOT HAVE TO USE COMPETITIVE BIDS. I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE "NO LIMIT" IN SECTION 4 MEANS. I SUPPOSE THAT IT IS IN REGARD TO GRANTS? IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE BUDGET SECTION 4 OF S.B. 537 PROVIDES ALL THAT IS INCLUDED IN H.B. 2640 EXCEPT THE NAME AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

H.B. 2640 WILL ONLY PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES AND TRAVEL FOR SOME PROFESSORS. I HEAR OVER AND OVER THAT THE STATE IS BROKE. WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS BILL. I BELIEVE WE ARE ALREADY DOING WHAT IT PROVIDES. OUR OWN CHEAP FOOD POLICY AND ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT WILL SOON HAVE OUR LIVING STANDARD SO LOW THAT THEIR CHEAP LABOR WILL NOT BE AN INCENTIVE FOR THE INTERNATIONALS TO INVEST IN OTHER COUNTRIES THEN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO EXPORT ANYWAY. I CANNOT SEE ANY BENEFIT TO WARRANT THIS EXPENDITURE. WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE IDEA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BUT I BELIEVE SECTION 4 OF S.B. 537 TAKES CARE OF KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, ADEQUATELY. THANK YOU.



To: Members of the Kansas Legislature
From: Stephen Anderson, State Spokesman for AAM
Re: HB 2691
Date: March 26, 1986

This week, a representative of the Farm Credit System of Wichita testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee in opposition to HB 2691. I would urge you to disregard their testimony both now and in the future. They have demonstrated quite clearly their complete lack of credibility. They publicly denied over and over that there was a problem in agriculture. They repeatedly insisted that the Farm Credit System was strong and sound right up until they began crying for a taxpayer bailout. They refused to divulge the obscene salaries of their top officials. The truth is they simply refuse to tell the truth.

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