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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The meeting was called to order by Phil Kline at
Chairperson

3:30 a.m./p.m. on Monday, February 16th, 1987 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Dyck and Sader (Excused)

Committee staff present:
Jim Wilson, Revisor
Lynn Holt, Research
Molly Mulloy, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Chairman Kline called the meeting to order and stated that H.B 2076 would be discussed today but there would be no final action. He asked committee members to voice any concerns they might have and to participate in open discussion on the bill.

Several legislators stated they had no problem with the poultry issue but did not know whether or not the small pork producers would be able to compete with corporate pork farming. Rep. Heinemann said that the Agriculture Task Force felt that the small producers would not be harmed, and that corporate farming would stimulate grain sales and add new jobs and other benefits. It was mentioned that in Iowa, not only have the corporate farms done well but that the majority of small hog operators have prospered as well under corporate farming laws. Another comment was that some of the small pork producers and some of the leadership of the Kansas Pork Producers do support the bill, and their stance against the bill was based on a survey that only 16% of their members returned. Several legislators said that there were still too many perceptions and not enough facts to be able to say whether the small producers could compete. It was suggested that perhaps someone from Kansas State would have the needed facts to clarify the uncertainty concerning the small pork producers. Rep. Leach moved that the chairman appoint a sub-committee to meet with the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce and the Kansas Pork Producers to see if there was a way to carry this forward and to get a packing plant in Kansas. After further discussion, there was no second to the motion. The chairman asked Tom Severn of Legislative Research to look into the issue of tax breaks for corporate hog farmers to see who qualified for IRBs.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th, 3:30pm.

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