

Approved February 24, 1987
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Senator Allen at
Chairperson

10:10 a.m. ~~XXX~~ on February 18, 1987 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Kerr (excused)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Department

Conferees appearing before the committee: Sam Brownback, Secretary of State Board of Agriculture
Gary Stotts, Acting Director of the Budget
Ed Reznicek, Kansas Rural Center
Mrs. Toby Lear, farm wife
Kathy Winter, Jewish Community Relations Bureau/ Womens' American O.R.T.
Ken Wallingford, farmer, Effingham
Bob Robison, Chairman, Southeast Farm Advocate Network
Frank Dorsey, Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches Committee of the Consultation of Cooperatives of Kansas

Senator Allen called the Committee to order and asked the Committee to accept the request from the Governor's Office for legislation that would increase registration fees for agricultural chemicals and increase applicants and renewal fees for pesticide business license and fees for uncertified employees included in these licenses.

Senator Montgomery made a motion the Committee accept this legislation request to increase the registration fees for agricultural chemicals and increase applicants and renewal fees for pesticide business license and fees for uncertified employees included in these licenses. Senator Arasmith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman reported a request from Commissions for legislation that would allow Commissions in the state to not be required to refund amounts of money for less than \$5.00; this would conform with legislation of last year that does not require the State Accounting to refund amounts of less than \$5.00.

Senator Gannon made a motion the Committee accept the requested legislation to make all the refund regulations the same that less than \$5.00 need not be refunded. Senator Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Senator Karr.

Senator Karr explained he had a request for legislation from Kansas Fish Growers. Senator Karr made a motion the Committee accept the request for legislation concerning the sale of fish for privately owned lakes. Senator Gannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman called on Sam Brownback to present a legislative request.

Mr. Brownback gave copies of a bill request to be known as "Blueprint for Kansas Agriculture Study" (attachment 1).

Senator Karr made a motion the Committee accept the request for the legislation to be known as "Blueprint for Kansas Agriculture Study" as outlined in the written statement from Mr. Brownback. Senator Doyen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

If not specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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The Chairman recognized Senator Doyen.

Senator Doyen requested the Committee recommend legislation, as discussed in an earlier Committee Meeting that would require at the time of a land ownership transfer that all bills pertaining to county spraying of noxious weeds should be paid in full. Senator Doyen then made the request into a motion. Senator Karr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman called attention to SB 152 and called on Gary Stotts to discuss the bill.

Mr. Stotts gave copies (attachment 2) of the fiscal note for SB 152. Mr. Stotts stated that SB 152 is necessary to prevent the FACTS Program from sunseting on June 30, 1987. He said it was constructive legislation that should be passed so as to keep providing help and assistance for Kansas farmers. Mr. Stotts stated the bill deletes that legal assistance shall be contracted through Kansas Legal Services (the entity that has the current contract as authorized by law) and will include legal service to fit the particular need of whoever is using the service, and that the amount of funding provided by the Legislature will determine how extensive a program FACTS can provide in the future.

During Committee discussion Mr. Stotts said that there were questions about the cost efficiency of some of the services provided by Kansas Legal Services so the bill deletes the legal assistance contract and future legal assistance will be provided depending on funding made for the FACTS Program. Mr. Stotts replied that failing to pass SB 152 would not be saying that the Committee wanted the FACTS Program to continue; it would be sunseting the program.

The Chairman announced that due to the shortage of time, conferees that could not return on the following day would testify at this meeting; and that the Committee would meet again the following day to hear the remaining conferees. He then called on Ed Reznicek to testify.

Mr. Reznicek gave copies of his testimony to the Committee (attachment 3) and then expressed support for SB 152.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Reznicek and called on Mrs. Toby Lear to testify

Mrs. Lear expressed support for the FACTS Program and stated the program had helped her family; and encouraged the assistance available with the program be continued so as to help others in the state that may end up in bankruptcy without the services provided in the FACTS Program. Mrs. Lear stated that she and her family desire to stay on the farm and that the help they received from Kansas Legal Services had helped them still be on their farm.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Lear and called on Kathy Winter to testify.

Ms. Winter gave copies of her testimony to the Committee (attachment 4). She expresses support for the continuation of the FACTS Program including legal services.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Winter and called on Ken Wallingford to testify.

Mr. Wallingford gave copies of his testimony to the Committee (attachment 5). He expressed hope for the continuation of the FACTS Program.

During Committee discussion Mr. Wallingford stated he had more problems with his local bank than he did with the Farm Credit System; he also stated he felt that if he had had some legal assistance that he would not have had to sell his dairy cattle.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wallingford and called on Bob Robison to testify.

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Mr. Robison explained that he was chairman of the Southeast Farm Advocate Network and also a minister serving two churches. He explained he has been and is in contact with farmers facing trouble through both areas. He stated that about half the farmers he has worked with have used the FACTS Program. He stated the FACTS Program is working well and expressed support for it to stay in place with the legal assistance as it has been.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Robison and called on The Rev. Frank Dorsey to testify.

Rev. Dorsey gave written testimony to the Committee (attachment 6). Rev. Dorsey expressed endorsement of the continuation of the FACTS Program including legal services.

The Chairman thanked Rev. Dorsey and then adjourned the Committee at 11:02 a.m.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: SENATE AGRICULTURE

DATE: February 18, 1987

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
BETTY LORTSCHER	BERN, KS	LORTSCHER AGRI-SERVICE
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BOB ROBISON	MADISON, KS	PASTOR
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Geneva Denholm	Manhattan	_____
Ginny Thompson	Manhattan	_____
Wilbur Leonard	Topeka	Comm Ks Farm Org
John Blythe	Manhattan	KFB
Howard M. Steen	Hutchinson	KAWG
Sam Sounback	Topeka	BOA
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Frank & Dorsey	Topeka	Interfaith Rural Life
Kenneth Wallingford Jr.	Offingham, Ks	Former (FAN)
Ed Reznick	GAFF, KS	KS Rural Center

BLUEPRINT FOR KANSAS AGRICULTURE STUDY

Section 1. The legislature finds and declares as follows: (a) That due to the depressed conditions in the agricultural economy of this state, there is a critical need to prevent further erosion in the agricultural sector of the Kansas economic base; (b) that there currently exists a lack of knowledge concerning the best use of the existing agricultural resources and wealth generating enterprises in agriculture; (c) that since the Redwood-Krider study did not focus specifically upon agricultural problems, a study needs to be done focused specifically upon agriculture and agricultural problems as it relates to agricultural economic development; and (d) that in order to eliminate the current shortage of accurate information concerning agricultural problems and agricultural economic development, a cooperative effort between state and private nonprofit organizations or professional and trade associations should be undertaken to clarify the problems facing agriculture and determine solutions for those problems, to facilitate the diversification of existing agricultural resources and of wealth generating enterprises in agriculture and to promote increased value-added products, processes and enterprises located in Kansas and the markets for these products.

Section 2. The secretary for the state board of agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate a program with Kansas State University, other state, federal, and local agencies and such other nonprofit organizations and associations who have knowledge and expertise in agricultural matters and are encouraged to volunteer to assist the secretary in this study. This study shall be known as the blueprint for Kansas agriculture and shall include the following described subjects as well as any additional subjects which the secretary may deem necessary:

- a. areas of agricultural diversification;

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- b. the implementation of value added products and expansion of the food processing industry as it relates to agriculture; and
- c. any other subject which the secretary deems appropriate as it relates to the blueprint for Kansas agriculture.

The secretary shall complete this study and make a report thereon to the Kansas legislature not later than January 10, 1988.

Section 3. In general, but not by way of limitation, for the purposes of implementing and conducting the blueprint for Kansas agriculture study, the secretary shall have, exercise and perform the following powers and duties:

- a. to assume central responsibility and coordinate all facets of a comprehensive study of economic development for agriculture;
- b. to create and carry out a coordinated plan with Kansas State University and other state, federal, or local agencies and nonprofit organizations or associations which do research work, develop materials and programs, gather statistics, or which perform functions related to the purposes of this study, and such state departments and agencies shall advise and cooperate with the secretary in the planning and accomplishments of the objectives of this act;
- c. to advise and cooperate with all federal departments, research institutions, educational institutions and agencies, quasi-public professional societies, private business and agricultural organizations and associations, and any other party, public or private, and to call upon such parties for consultation, and assistance in their respective fields of interest, to the end that all up to date available technical advice, information, data, and assistance be gathered for the use of the secretary in carrying out the purposes of this act;

- d. to enter into such contracts as are necessary to implement and carry out the objectives of this act provided, however, that such contracts shall be exempt from the bidding requirements of K.S.A. 75-3739 and amendments thereto;
- e. to make agreements with other states and with the United States government, or its agencies, and to accept gifts, donations, or funds from the federal government, or its agencies, or any other source for research studies, investigation, planning and other purposes related to the purposes of this act; and any funds so received shall be deposited in the state treasury and shall be credited to a special revenue fund which is hereby created and shall be known as the "blueprint for Kansas agriculture fund" or used in accordance with or direction of the contributing federal agencies; and expenditures from said fund may be made for any purpose in keeping with the responsibilities, functions and authority of the secretary under this act; and warrants on said fund shall be drawn in the same manner as required of other state agencies upon vouchers signed by the secretary;
- f. to organize, or cause to be organized, an advisory board or boards representing interested groups, including industry, labor, agriculture, scientific research, the press, the professions, industrial associations, civic groups, etc.; and such board or boards shall advise with the department as to its work and the department shall, as far as practicable, cooperate with such board or boards, and secure the active aid thereof in the accomplishment of the aims and objectives of the department; and

g. to do other and further acts as shall be necessary and proper in the development of agriculture and economic welfare of agriculture in the state.

Section 4. Staff required by the secretary for the purposes of implementing this act shall serve in the offices of the state board of agriculture. Personnel employed by the secretary for the purpose of implementing this act shall be employed as special project employees and shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act.

Section 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas Register.

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Fiscal Note	Bill No.
1987 Session	
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The Honorable Jim Allen, Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture
Senate Chamber
Third Floor, Statehouse

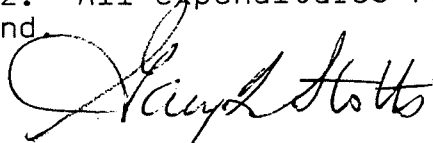
Dear Senator Allen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for Senate Bill No. 152 by Committee
on Agriculture

In accordance with K.S.A. 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning Senate Bill No. 152 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Senate Bill No. 152 amends K.S.A. 74-545 by reauthorizing the farm assistance, counseling and training referral program through July 1, 1990. The bill also eliminates the existing requirement that the program provide legal assistance to its clients through a contract for legal services with any private or corporate law firm. The effective date of the bill is upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Under the terms of existing law, the farm assistance, counseling and training referral program would be terminated on June 30, 1987. The FY 1988 Governor's Budget Report assumes continuation of the program in FY 1988, with recommended expenditures totaling \$244,562. All expenditures for FY 1988 are from the State General Fund.



Gary L. Stotts
Acting Director of the Budget

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THE KANSAS RURAL CENTER, INC.

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Testimony to the Senate Agriculture Committee
SB 152

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. My name is Ed Reznicek. I farm in Nemaha County and work with the Kansas Rural Center at Whiting, Kansas as coordinator of the Farm Support Project. The Rural Center is a private, non-profit research, education and advocacy organization working on farm, rural community and natural resource issues. Over the past few years we have been involved in farm crisis issues through credit counseling, community education workshops and public awareness programs.

The Rural Center strongly supports continuation of the FACTS program. In the past year and a half FACTS documented the severity of the farm crisis in Kansas and demonstrated how Kansas can efficiently and effectively provide badly needed assistance to distressed farmers and rural communities. The farm crisis in Kansas continues and the need for assistance is as great as ever.

We are concerned, however, that SB 152 strikes the section which provides for legal assistance - lines 0062 and 0063. This section should remain in the bill. Access to legal advice and representation is among the most critical needs facing distressed farmers. Farm credit problems involve a complex array of legal problems and strategies. Each individual instance is different. Farmers need clear, specific advice and, when necessary, representation to protect their rights and pursue alternatives best suited to their families and farming operations. Farmers in financial distress cannot afford legal counsel and, if they do finally seek legal advice, it is often too late to be effective.

The Rural Center supports negotiated or mediated resolutions to farmer/creditor disputes. These are most apt to occur when both parties are on an equal footing in exercising and protecting their rights. Then they come to the bargaining table as equals. Farmers need access to legal representation to protect and exercise their rights in order to be considered an equal for negotiating purposes. Farmers also need legal counsel to know what they might gain and what will be given up in a negotiated settlement. Without state support, many farmers will not have access to legal assistance and will be disadvantaged in creditor negotiations. Furthermore, negotiation simply doesn't work in numerous instances and legal action occurs. In these instances legal advice and representation is most essential.

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It is interesting how negotiated solutions in farmer/creditor disputes seem to be more frequent. This is due, in part, to new debt relief measures and improved farmer access to legal, financial counseling and other services which give farmers greater negotiating strength. We need to continue the FACTS program with a strong legal services component to promote negotiated or mediated solutions to farm debt problems.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I will gladly try to answer any questions you may have.

Ed Reznicek
Farm Support Project Coordinator

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The Farm Crisis Project of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau/Women's American ORT was initiated in 1986 by the Jewish Community Relations Bureau with the sponsorship of a national Jewish women's organization - Women's American ORT. The Jewish Community Relations Bureau serves as the social action agency for the Jewish communities of the state of Kansas. Through the Farm Crisis Project we work to educate Jews in Kansas about the farm crisis that grips rural America and then encourage participation in efforts to alleviate the economic and social problems affecting such a large segment of Kansas's farm belt population.

As members of the Kansas Legislature, we know that you are faced with helping Kansas farmers through the worst depression since the 1930's. Stan Ward, Director of F.A.C.T.S., estimates that 200,000 Kansans will be displaced by the turn of the century. Indeed, the farming bedrock of many rural communities is faced with, not only the loss of their farms but the loss of a way of life. We hope that the Kansas Legislature will stand by the troubled farmers in Kansas during this difficult time.

The Farm Crisis Project of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau has seen repeatedly through the work of our Project, the importance of F.A.C.T.S. in assisting Kansas farm families. F.A.C.T.S. is able to meet needs that would otherwise go unmet. In particular, we would like to stress the importance of continuing the F.A.C.T.S. program as it currently exists including legal services. F.A.C.T.S. reports that 61% of the calls received are from farmers with legal and financial problems. Many families simply cannot afford to retain qualified legal help without F.A.C.T.S. and its legal services component.

In closing, let me again urge you to continue the F.A.C.T.S. program with legal services included.

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Ken Wallingford
Effingham, Kansas

FACTS Program
February 1987

My name is Ken Wallingford and I farm near Effingham, Kansas. Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for the opportunity to testify.

I support continuation of the FACTS program. I need the program to help me continue in farming. The depressed farm economy has affected my family and farming operation. Reduced farm income caused me to miss some payments with my creditor and I need to restructure my debt so I can meet my farm payments, pay my debts and keep my family and farm operation going.

I am using the FACTS program and their help has been very important to me. They helped me better understand the legal issues I face and what options are available. I am using legal services to exercise my rights to debt restructuring and to try to negotiate a plan with my creditor. Without this legal help I would probably be in foreclosure or bankruptcy today. With the help of legal services I believe we can restructure my debt and keep my farm going.

As my farm income dropped, I got an off-farm job to help my farm and family finances. But I have been laid off. I can't afford to hire a lawyer. I hope you continue this program and help me and my family stay in farming.

Ken Wallingford

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I come to you today from the INTERFAITH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE of the Consultation of Cooperating Churches in Kansas, representing eighteen religious judicatories in Kansas. The INTERFAITH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE is a widely diverse faith group with a network throughout Kansas which keeps in close touch with the impact of the rural crisis on Kansans. In the mission statement that created the INTERFAITH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE, the 31 religious leaders in Kansas who signed the statement supported the formation of the FACTS program.

"The purpose of the INTERFAITH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE is to seek to unite the resources of the religious community of Kansas to respond in any appropriate way to the continuing rural crisis, within a vision of wholeness."

Among its accomplishments, the INTERFAITH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE has run seminars across Kansas for pastors and key church leaders to understand the crisis, to be knowledgeable about specific needs of the families caught in the crisis, and how to recognize the signs of impending suicide and respond. In addition, the Committee has distributed over \$80,000. in emergency funds to individual farm families in Kansas, upon the recommendation of Kansas pastors and priests.

Pastors in Kansas have seen that FACTS serves a demonstrable need that no one else fulfills. Western Kansans report that FACTS is the only source of immediate help, both emotional and legal, available to them. The experience of the faith community involved in the INTERFAITH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE is that FACTS is positively perceived by the farmer constituents of our member congregations.

In addition, pastors see the complex web of legal difficulties created by the rural crisis. The pastors tell us that in many of the small rural communities they serve, the lenders in those towns have retained all of the attorneys in town, leaving the farmers without access to legal assistance except through the FACTS program.

Kansas farmers have a diversity of skills to carry forward the work of their farms. They do not have the legal skills that are desperately needed, and they cannot afford to retain the legal help they do need. For many of these farmers, there is nowhere else to turn but the legal services provided for through the FACTS program.

Therefore, the INTERFAITH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE of the Consultation of Cooperating Churches in Kansas endorses the continuation of the total FACTS program, including legal services.

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(The Rev.) Frank Dorsey
Chair, Interfaith Rural Life Committee

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As leaders of the religious community in Kansas, our allegiance is to God who has made all of us stewards of resources such as land and water. Because we are responsible to help people exercise stewardship and conservation of these valuable resources, we are called by the covenant God made with His people to make the following statement:

The State of Kansas is experiencing a severe agriculture crisis. The impact of so severe a crisis has a serious effect upon the rural communities and the people who are a part of them: farm families, family owned businesses, banks, and various institutions which serve the community such as churches and schools.

Of the \$215,000,000,000. debt owed by farmers, 30% of the farmers owe 80% of that debt. Of those farmers who are affected by the crisis, the group suffering the most are those who have been referred to as the "traditional family farm." They are the group that now are the backbone of many of our rural communities, and the churches that serve those communities.

Economists indicate that the various commodity programs do not help this group of farmers as much as the large commercial farmers. The real significant question is: Why do government programs designed to help farmers miss this particular group?

Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, Agricultural Economist at Kansas State University, has said, "conditions continue for the next two years as they have been for the last three years, 25% of the farmers will go out of business." It is clear that family farms will be the ones most severely affected.

Because of the seriousness of the present agriculture crisis and its effect upon the rural community, we, religious leaders in the State of Kansas:

+ pledge ourselves to work with those who are already laboring to preserve life in our rural communities;

- + call upon the leaders of the churches and synagogues to work cooperatively to educate all Kansans to the seriousness of this crisis;
- + call upon pastors and congregations and synagogues in local communities throughout Kansas to join together to offer spiritual, emotional, and economic support to those families suffering hardship as a result of this crisis;
- + call upon the pastors of our congregations and synagogues to work together to build bridges of understanding with persons caught in this crisis and the various service segments of the community, for we believe that we must be about the ministry of building bridges of understanding among the people of rural communities undergoing such stress;
- + call upon the federal congressional delegation from Kansas to continue their efforts to work for the benefit of those who are affected, and to develop a 1985 Farm Policy that will both alleviate the present crisis and preserve our rural communities;
- + commend Governor Carlin for his recommendation of the establishment of the Farmers Assistance Counseling and Training Service (FACTS) program, and urge the State Legislature to pass the legislation and enabling funding;
- + call upon the Governor, the Kansas House and Senate, the various farm organizations, State agencies, Extension Service, farm credit organizations, legal, educational, and mental health professionals to join with the religious community to develop a wholistic response to this grave crisis.

In addition, we call upon the Governing Body of the Consultation of Cooperating Churches in Kansas, at its meeting in Wichita on March 12th, in concert with other religious communities in Kansas, to form an INTERCHURCH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE, composed of representatives of all of the Kansas religious denomina-

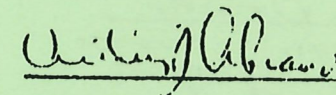
tions wishing to participate, and to invite participation of the various farm organizations, Extension Service, farm credit organizations, the Governor's Office, the Kansas State Legislature, legal, educational, and mental health organizations, and all other organizations who could bring a constructive and coordinated response process to the crisis in our Kansas communities. The Committee would work in close collaboration with the Ecumenical Farm Issues Task Force, which has been instrumental in helping to clarify the issues in Kansas communities, and enable people caught in the crisis to talk with each other. We pledge to seek the financial resources to enable the INTERCHURCH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE to be effective in its work.

The purpose of the INTERCHURCH RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE would be to address the present crisis in agriculture and its devastating effect upon all aspects of Kansas rural community life -- farm families, business persons who rely upon agriculture, financial institutions, schools and churches, and interpersonal relationships -- and to devise appropriate methods of response in such areas as:

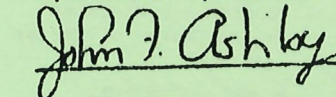
- + devising means of raising the awareness of the crisis among both farm and non-farm sectors across the State of Kansas;
- + bringing together resources that can help local rural communities maintain a sense of community in the midst of crisis;
- + devising strategies whereby as many economically viable farm operations as possible are maintained;
- + dealing directly with the emotional and spiritual dimensions of the problem facing financially troubled farm families;
- + developing an agricultural crisis hot line so that individuals can receive immediate counsel and support;
- + developing training programs for pastors and other helping professionals more thoroughly to understand the effects of the crisis upon persons;

- + developing a network system of neighbors who have gone through this crisis and who are no more than 50 miles distant from any farm family in crisis, so that immediate support is given;
- + training pastors and utilizing mental health professionals to develop a longer term support system for those being called upon to stand by those in crisis.
- + developing a liaison relationship with persons and organizations in other agriculturally troubled States so that a multi-state network is formed.

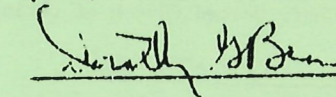
We believe that immediate action is called for in this crisis, and call upon all of the people of Kansas to be "Good Neighbors" to persons in those communities so severely affected.



Rabbi Arthur J. Abrams
Temple Emanu-el, Wichita



The Rt. Rev. John F. Ashby, Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas



Dorothy G. Barry, Executive Coordinator
Consultation of Cooperating Churches in Kansas



The Rev. Edward Brubaker, Synod Executive
Synod of Mid America, Presbyterian Church (USA)

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The Rev. George Bruening, President, Kansas Dist.
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The Rev. Ronald E. Buskirk, Executive Presbyter
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Christian Church in Kansas

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