

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Senator Allen at
Chairperson

10:13 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 26, 19 87 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

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

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

Senator Warren made a motion the minutes of March 24 and 25 be approved. Senator Gannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman called attention to SB 295, a request for a blueprint for Kansas agriculture study, and then called on Sam Brownback to review the plan for the Committee.

Mr. Brownback explained the study would be similar to the Redwood-Krider study that was done on the economic conditions of Kansas which did not include agriculture. The study would require \$40,000 from the General Fund along with \$40,000 matching funds from industries and \$40,000 from private funds. He suggested for an advisory board to reactivate the Ag Economic Board.

At this point, because the total Committee was present, the Chairman ceased work on SB 295 and changed the Committees' attention to HB 2076 for action.

The Committee discussion centered around: the feeling that the Attorney General's opinion was wrong; wondering if there is any way to change the present Corporate Farm Law that would allow the Attorney General to agree with the Legislatures' intent of the 1981 Corporate Farm Law; it is wrong to use Corporate Farm Law to regulate industries that are involved with farm products; that a study is needed to study the whole agriculture situation of Kansas; is HB 2076 giving tax breaks to corporations that farmers are not eligible to have; would HB 2076 give rabbit, poultry or swine, if added, corporations income tax advantages or the eligibility for revenue bonds that farmers are not eligible to receive; and the feeling this bill should stay in Committee till next session.

The Chairman stated staff had assured him that HB 2076 provides an equal "playing field" for corporations and farmers.

Senator Doyen made a motion that HB 2076 be tabled till January 1988. Senator Montgomery seconded the motion.

Senator Gannon made a substitute motion that HB 2076 be recommended favorably for passage as amended. Senator Kerr seconded the motion.

Discussion continued that more study of Corporate Farm Law is not necessary, that taxes questions are addressed in HB 2076, that the whole law does not need to be reworked that only 'feedlot' needs definition, that it has not been proved that corporate agriculture businesses will help agriculture in Kansas, that this bill is opposite of helping small farmers, that HB 2076 is a positive move for small farmers, and that swine corporations in Kansas would help grain producers as the cattle feedlots have.

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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture,
room 423-S, Statehouse, at 10:13 a.m. ~~XXX~~ on March 26, 1987

The Chairman called for a vote on HB 2076. The motion carried.
The vote on the motion was six in favor. Senators Norvell, Montgomery,
Warren, Doyen and Thiessen requested the record show they voted no.
Senator Gannon requested the record show he voted yes.

The Chairman adjourned the Committee at 10:58 a.m.

