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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Representative Clifford V. Campbell at  
Chairperson

9:07 a.m./p.m. on January 20, 1988 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative George Dean who was excused.

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Marjorie Brownlee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Walter Woods, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Director of Extension, Kansas State University.

The Chairman welcomed the committee members and guests. He then introduced Walter Woods, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Director of Extension with Kansas State University.

Dean Woods spoke in depth in summarizing the selection of the participants to conduct the research, methods of getting data, and the final recommendations of the participants in producing the material for "Agriculture 2000" and "Mission Direction," copies of which were provided to each member.

He defined the areas of citizenry expectations for the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service throughout the next decade. These areas included: crop production, animal agriculture, grazing lands, business and financial management, marketing, processing, and utilization, horticulture, natural resources, forest resources, environmental quality, human capital and family needs, and rural and community revitalization.

The recommendations of the "2000" committee in each area were discussed as well as further elaboration on the financial needs to accommodate the recommended programs. Long-range priorities as proposed were also offered.

Dean Woods spoke of previous funding sources which in 1985-86 were as follows for extension services:

County	37.1 percent
State	31.4
Federal	21.2
Forestry	3.7
Other	6.6

Due to inflation, rising cost of services, added health costs and the cost of federally required retirement and fringe benefits for agents and specialists, the advancement in communications technology and the use thereof, and the addition of satellite communications which will need to be staffed, they will require additional funding. He added that one of the things they have done in order to stay within the funding boundaries is institute a hiring freeze---which has been in effect since 1986.

The final recommendations then which he presented to the committee for the 1988 legislative session were as follows:

1. Need for increase so that there will be adequate funds to maintain extension services.
2. Strengthening the county, state, and federal partnership by appropriating sufficient state funds to maintain a balanced program.

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3. Increased state funding for county programs and increasing the maximum allowable mill levy.
4. Adequate funding to staff, equip, maintain, and operate the satellite Regents Educational Communications Center.
5. Increased support for extension in lieu of increased costs for retirement and fringe benefits mandated by law.

After a brief question and answer period regarding the proposed recommendations, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

The next meeting of the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee will be Thursday, January 21, 1988, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 423-S.

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Guest List

Name	Organization	Address
John X. Strickler	Governor's Office	Topeka
William Eber	KSU Cooperation Extension	Manhattan
Lyde S Jacobs	Kansas State University	Manhattan
Walter R Woods	Kansas State University	Manhattan.
DANA COX		Sedgwick, Ks.
<del>Sam</del> Sam Rounbark	BOA	Topeka
John Koenigs	BOA	Lewis
Bill Suller	KFB	Manhattan
Joe Lieber	Ks. Co-op Council	Topeka