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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS

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

9:10 a.m. ~~p.m.~~ on February 23, 1988 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

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

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative David Heinemann  
Frances Kastner, Director of Governmental  
Affairs, Kansas Food Dealers Assoc.  
Bud Grant, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and  
Industry

Hearings were declared open on HB 2840, an act concerning civil liability for giving a worthless check.

Representative Heinemann as sponsor of the bill was called upon to explain it. He commented that it was not a new concept but rather was introduced as an attempt to more narrowly define and/or clarify the intent of the bill.

Frances Kastner, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Kansas Food Dealers Association, testified in behalf of this bill. (Attachment I)

Bud Grant, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, questioned somewhat the application of the bill. He gave an anecdotal reference which seemed to indicate that the bill as it was passed last year was not of value and asked that there be included some sort of amendment which would make it valid on "accounts."

Discussion was thereafter concluded on HB 2840.

Representative Apt moved that HB 2623 be recommended favorably for passage out of Committee. Representative Neufeld seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes of Committee meetings on February 16, 17, 18, and 19 were presented for approval. Representative Apt moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Representative Roenbaugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee will be held on February 24, 1988, at 9:00 a.m., in room 423-S.





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## SUPPORTING HB 2840

I am Frances Kastner, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Kansas Food Dealers Association. Our membership includes wholesalers, distributors and retailers of food products throughout Kansas.

Many of you have heard me speak about the great loss that grocers suffer from bad checks as well as shoplifting. The loss continues to grow in the area of shoplifting.

We are pleased with the posture this committee has adopted in the past to help reduce losses through bad checks and we thank you for passing the original version of **HB 2840**.

The amendment proposed by Repr. Heinemann, as we understand it, does not keep the individual retailer from attempting to collect bad checks, and recovering damages. It would only expand the law to permit hiring an attorney, if necessary, and the cost would be paid by writer of the bad check.

If our interpretation is correct, then we request that you recommend this bill favorably.

Thank you for the opportunity of appearing before you today and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

ATTACHMENT I