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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

9:07 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 4, 1988 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Gross 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:

The Chairman called for final action on several bills which have had hearings before this Committee.

The first bill is HB 2829 which concerns wage payment and collection and relates to setoff and withholding of certain amounts from wages. After some discussion, the following actions were taken:

Representative Dean moved that the Committee report HB 2829 adversely.  
Representative Rezac seconded the motion.

Representative Solbach made a substitute motion to table HB 2829. The motion was seconded by Representative Beauchamp. On a show of hands the motion passed with twelve affirmative votes. HB 2829 was, therefore, tabled.

Chairman Campbell announced the next bill for consideration is HB 2840. This bill was introduced by Representative Heinemann and concerns civil liability for giving a worthless check.

Representative Roenbaugh moved that HB 2840 be passed out favorably by the Committee. Representative Sallee seconded the motion. There was some discussion concerning the bill. The vote was called for. The motion to pass favorably carried.

HB 2813, Representative Bryant's and Representative Teagarden's bill, relates to liens for veterinary services and provides for filing and satisfaction thereof. Representative Bryant proposed an amendment which is further clarification of some of the language and intentions in the bill. There was a brief discussion. Representative Bryant moved that the amendment be accepted for HB 2813. Representative Teagarden seconded the motion. The motion passed. (ATTACHMENT I)

A second motion was made to pass HB 2813 as amended by Representative Bryant. The motion was seconded by Representative Teagarden. The motion carried.

Introduced into the discussion for final action by the Chairman was HB 2906. HB 2906 was introduced by the Committee on Taxation and concerns the administration of the Kansas wheat act.

Representative Crumbaker made a conceptual motion to add at line 23 after 'wheat' the following language ", corn, soybeans and milo". The motion was seconded by Representative Roenbaugh. The motion carried.

Representative Crumbaker moved that HB 2813 be passed as amended. Representative Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS,  
room 423-S, Statehouse, at 9:07 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 4, 1988

HB 2966, relating to the FACTS program, is the next bill to be called for.

Suggested amendments in accordance with some of the testimony by conferees were presented by the State Board of Agriculture. Norman Furse explained the amendments which are shown in ATTACHMENT II. The amendments addressed 'voluntary' mediation and confidentiality of mediation.

Secretary Sam Brownback answered several questions from Committee members regarding this bill, giving the reasoning behind amendments.

Representative Freeman moved to accept the amendments to HB 2966. Representative Eckert seconded the motion.

Representative Hamm moved to make a substitute motion to amend. Representative Teagarden seconded the motion. Representative Hamm passed out a printed amendment to the bill. (ATTACHMENT III)

After a lengthy discussion concerning this substitute motion and many questions from the members of the Committee, a vote was called for. The vote was by a show of hands. There were nine votes in the affirmative and eleven negative votes. The motion was defeated.

The Chair called for a vote on the original motion to amend. The motion carried.

Representative Freeman moved to pass HB 2966 as amended. Representative Teagarden seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The last bill on the agenda for final action was HB 3068. This bill was sponsored by the Committee on Agriculture and Small Business and concerns actions to enjoin the use of agricultural chemicals.

Representative Dean made a motion to insert "State and Federal laws" after the words 'according to' on line 25. The motion was seconded by Representative Solbach. The motion carried.

Representative Dean moved to pass out HB 3068 as amended. Representative Mollencamp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



# HOUSE BILL No. 2813

Representatives Bryant and Teagarden

0017 AN ACT relating to liens for veterinary services; ~~providing for~~  
0018 ~~filing and satisfaction thereof;~~ amending K.S.A. 47-836 and  
0019 repealing the existing section.

0020 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

0021 Section 1. K.S.A. 47-836 is hereby amended to read as fol-

0022 lows: 47-836. A veterinarian, ~~or~~ a veterinary partnership offering ~~or~~ a veterinary corporation

0023 veterinary service to animals in the field or otherwise, who shall,

0024 at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of any animal,

0025 bestow any professional attention, care, vaccines, antisera, virus, ~~or~~ animals

0026 antibiotics, or other medical treatment, food or service upon the

0027 same shall have a lien upon such animal for the just and reason-

0028 able charges therefor, and may hold and retain possession of

0029 such animal until such charges are paid. The lien hereby created

0030 shall have preference over any and all other liens or encum-

0031 brances upon such animal or animals, regardless of where such

0032 veterinary service has been rendered. ~~In addition to the lien~~

0033 ~~granted under this section, a veterinarian shall have a lien as~~

0034 ~~provided under sections 2 to 4, inclusive, and amendments~~

0035 ~~hereto.~~

0036 ~~New Sec. 2. Whenever any person shall procure, contract~~

0037 ~~with or hire a licensed veterinarian to treat, relieve or in any way~~

0038 ~~take care of any kind of animal, such veterinarian shall have a~~

0039 ~~lien upon such animal so treated for the contract price agreed~~

0040 ~~upon, and in case no price has been agreed upon, for the~~

0041 ~~reasonable value of the services and any medicines or biologics~~

0042 ~~furnished. The veterinarian entitled to a lien under the provi-~~

0043 ~~sions of this section may enforce and foreclose the lien in the~~

0044 ~~manner provided by law for the enforcing and foreclosing of~~

0045 ~~security agreements under the uniform commercial code. The~~

~~or~~ a veterinary corporation

~~or~~ animals

, but such lien shall be valid irrespective of possession of such animal or animals if the veterinarian recorded a verified notice of the lien upon such animal or animals in the office of the register of deeds in the county in which such veterinary services were rendered prior to the expiration of 60 days after such services were rendered.

, except for possessory liens under K.S.A. 58-207 and 58-220 and amendments thereto

A lien under this section may not be enforced against a subsequent purchaser of the animal treated unless the purchaser has received actual prior notice of the existence of such lien.



0046 veterinarian who wishes to use the provisions of this section  
0047 shall file with the office of the secretary of state within 90 days  
0048 from the furnishing of the services, a statement verified by  
0049 affidavit containing a correct description of the animal to be  
0050 charged with the lien. The fee for filing, amending or releasing  
0051 such lien shall be the same as set forth in K.S.A. 84-9-403 and  
0052 amendments thereto. The lien hereby created shall have prefer-  
0053 ence over any other liens and encumbrances upon such animal  
0054 regardless of where such veterinary service has been rendered.

0055 New Sec. 3. When a lien provided by this section is satisfied,  
0056 the holder of the lien shall on written demand by the debtor send  
0057 the debtor a termination statement to the effect that the holder of  
0058 the lien no longer claims a security interest under the lien, which  
0059 shall be identified by a file number. A termination statement  
0060 signed by a person other than the lienholder of record shall be  
0061 accompanied by a separate written statement of assignment  
0062 signed by the lienholder of record complying with subsection (2)  
0063 of K.S.A. 84-9-405 and amendments thereto, including payment  
0064 of the required fee. If the affected lienholder fails to send such a  
0065 termination statement within 10 days after proper demand, the  
0066 lienholder shall be liable to the debtor for \$100 and any losses  
0067 caused to the debtor by such failure.

0068 New Sec. 4. On presentation to the filing officer of such a  
0069 termination statement, the filing officer shall note the termina-  
0070 tion statement in the index. If the filing officer has received the  
0071 termination statement in duplicate, the filing officer shall return  
0072 one copy of the termination statement to the lienholder stamped  
0073 to show the time of the receipt.

0074 Sec. 5 K.S.A. 47-836 is hereby repealed. 2

0075 Sec. 6 This act shall take effect and be in force from and 3  
0076 after its publication in the statute book.

## HOUSE BILL No. 2966

By Committee on Agriculture and Small Business

2-16

0017 AN ACT relating to the farm assistance, counseling and training  
0018 referral program; amending K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-545 and  
0019 repealing the existing section.

0020 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

00 Section 1. K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-545 is hereby amended to  
0022 read as follows: 74-545. (a) The secretary of the state board of  
0023 agriculture with the cooperation of the director of extension of  
0024 Kansas state university shall coordinate a farm assistance, coun-  
0025 seling and training referral program. For the purposes of provid-  
0026 ing such assistance and program, the secretary shall utilize the  
0027 services of the director and division of extension of Kansas state  
0028 university, other state agencies, county extension personnel,  
0029 municipal and community services organizations and personnel  
0030 and private business and professional agencies or services avail-  
0031 able for such purpose. The secretary shall compile a directory of  
0032 programs and services which may be utilized in providing the  
0033 assistance contemplated by this act. Staff required by the secre-  
0034 tary for the purposes of implementing this act shall be employed  
00 by the secretary with the approval of the director of extension  
0036 and shall serve in the offices of the division of extension at  
0037 Kansas state university. Personnel employed by the secretary for  
0038 the purpose of implementing this act shall be employed as  
0039 special project employees and shall be in the unclassified ser-  
0040 vice under the Kansas civil service act. The personnel employed  
0041 by the secretary for this purpose and county extension personnel  
0042 shall be utilized in: (1) Receiving requests for assistance; (2)  
0043 determining the eligibility of persons requesting assistance; and  
0044 (3) determining if such assistance can best be provided by staff or  
0045 by referral to an appropriate public or private agency or party for

0046 direct assistance. Personnel receiving requests for assistance  
0047 will provide where possible such assistance or refer the person  
0048 requesting such assistance to an agency or person qualified to  
0049 provide such assistance in the home community or county of the  
0050 person requesting such assistance.

0051 (b) Persons shall be eligible to receive assistance pursuant to  
0052 this act if they: (1) Are primarily engaged in the business of  
0053 farming, ranching, agribusiness or other agriculture-related ac-  
0054 tivities; and (2) will be unable to continue in such business or  
0055 activity or be seriously handicapped in such continued operation  
0056 without the assistance provided pursuant to this act.

0057 (c) The assistance to be made available to eligible persons by  
0058 staff, by contract or by referral to appropriate persons or agencies  
0059 shall include farm management, legal assistance, legal advice  
0060 and referrals, financial planning, employment services, business  
0061 planning and other, mediation, personal and family support  
0062 counseling and other related services. The secretary may pro-  
0063 vide legal assistance through a contract for legal services with  
0064 any private or corporate law firm.

0065 [(d)] The secretary is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter  
0066 into contracts for the performance of the powers, duties and  
0067 functions of the program established under this section and  
0068 under K.S.A. 74-544 and amendments thereto. All such contracts  
0069 shall be exempt from the competitive bid requirements of K.S.A.  
0070 75-3739 and amendments thereto.

0071 [(e)] The secretary is hereby authorized to receive grants, gifts  
0072 or donations from the United States government, or its agencies,  
0073 or any other source whatsoever for the purposes of the program  
0074 established under this section and under K.S.A. 74-544 and  
0075 amendments thereto, and any moneys so received shall be de-  
0076 posited in the state treasury and credited to the FACTS gifts  
0077 and contributions fund which is hereby created. All expendi-  
0078 tures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appro-  
0079 priation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and  
0080 reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary  
0081 of the state board of agriculture or a person designated by the  
0082 secretary.

voluntary  
and

(d) Meetings in which mediation assistance is provided through the voluntary mediation service authorized under subsection (c) shall be closed and shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4317 to 75-4320, inclusive, and amendments thereto. The record of information relating to the finances of individual borrowers and creditors created, collected and maintained by the mediation service shall not constitute a public record and shall not be open for inspection under the open records act. Mediation sessions shall be confidential and the secretary shall ensure that all lenders and borrowers of agricultural loans receive adequate notification of the mediation service.

(e)  
(f)

0083 ~~(d)~~(f) The provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 1990. (g)  
0084 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-545 is hereby repealed.  
0085 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and  
0086 after its publication in the Kansas register.



Proposed Amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 2966

Be amended:

On page 1, preceding line 21, by inserting the following:

"New Section 1. The legislature finds that the agricultural sector of the economy of this state is under severe financial stress due to low farm commodity prices, continuing high interest rates and reduced net farm income. The suffering agricultural economy also adversely affects economic conditions for all other businesses in rural communities. Thousands of this state's farmers are unable to meet current payments of interest and principal on mortgages and other loan and land contracts and are threatened by the loss of their farmland, equipment, crops and livestock through mortgage and lien foreclosures, forfeiture of real estate contracts and other collection actions. The agricultural economic emergency requires an orderly process with state assistance to adjust agricultural indebtedness to preserve the general welfare and fiscal integrity of the state.

New Sec. 2. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Agricultural property" means agricultural land that is principally used for farming and personal property that is used as security to finance a farm operation or used as part of a farm operation including equipment, crops, livestock and proceeds of the security.

(b) "Coordinator" means the secretary of the state board of agriculture.

(c) "Creditor" means the holder of a mortgage on agricultural property, a vendor of a real estate contract for agricultural property, a person with a lien or security interest in agricultural property or a judgment creditor with a judgment against a debtor with agricultural property.

(d) "FACTS" means the farm assistance, counseling and training referral program established under K.S.A. 74-545 and

amendments thereto.

(e) "File" means to deliver by the required date by certified mail or another method acknowledging receipt.

(f) "Mediation release" means an agreement or statement signed by all parties or by less than all the parties and the mediator pursuant to section 12.

New Sec. 3. The secretary of the state board of agriculture, or the secretary's designee, shall serve as the farm crisis coordinator. The coordinator has the powers and duties specified by law.

New Sec. 4. The coordinator shall enter into contracts to provide a program of farmer-creditor mediation services which program shall constitute the farm mediation service.

New Sec. 5. (a) This act applies to all creditors of a borrower described under subsection (b) with a secured debt against the borrower of \$20,000 or more.

(b) This act applies to a borrower who is any of the following:

(1) An individual operating a farm;

(2) a family farm corporation as defined in K.S.A. 17-5903 and amendments thereto;

(3) an authorized farm corporation as defined in K.S.A. 17-5903 and amendments thereto;

(4) a family trust as defined in K.S.A. 17-5903 and amendments thereto;

(5) a testamentary trust as defined in K.S.A. 17-5903 and amendments thereto;

(6) an authorized trust as defined in K.S.A. 17-5903 and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 6. A borrower who owns agricultural property or a creditor of that borrower may request mediation of the indebtedness by applying to the farm mediation service. The farm mediation service shall make voluntary mediation application forms available. The farm mediation service shall evaluate each request and may direct a mediator to meet with the borrower and

creditor to assist in mediation.

New Sec. 7. (a) A creditor subject to this act desiring to initiate a proceeding to enforce a debt against agricultural property which is real estate, to forfeit a contract to purchase agricultural property, to enforce a secured interest in agricultural property, or to otherwise garnish, levy on, execute on, seize or attach agricultural property, shall file a request for mediation with the farm mediation service. The creditor may not begin the proceeding subject to this act until the creditor receives a mediation release, or until the court determines after notice and hearing that the time delay required for the mediation would cause the creditor to suffer irreparable harm. The time period for the notice of right to cure provided in section 22 shall run concurrently with the time period for the mediation period provided in this section and section 11.

(b) Upon the receipt of a request for mediation, the farm mediation service shall conduct an initial consultation with the borrower without charge. The borrower may waive mediation after the initial consultation.

New Sec. 8. (a) After receiving a mediation request, the farm mediation service shall refer the borrower to a financial analyst associated with the FACTS program. The financial analyst shall assist the borrower in the preparation of information relative to the finances of the borrower for the initial mediation meeting.

(b) After receiving the mediation request, the farm mediation service shall notify the borrower that legal assistance may be available without charge through the legal assistance for farmers program provided in this act.

New Sec. 9. (a) Unless the borrower waives mediation, within 21 days after receiving a mediation request the farm mediation service shall send a mediation meeting notice to the borrower and to all known creditors of the borrower setting a time and place for an initial mediation meeting between the borrower, the creditors, and a mediator directed by the farm

mediation service to assist in mediation. An initial mediation meeting shall be held within 21 days of the issuance of the mediation meeting notice.

(b) If a creditor subject to this act receives a mediation meeting notice under subsection (a), the creditor and the creditor's successors in interest may not continue proceedings to enforce a debt against agricultural property of the borrower, to forfeit a real estate contract for the purchase of agricultural property of the borrower, to enforce a secured interest in agricultural property, or to otherwise garnish, levy on, execute on, seize or attach agricultural property. Time periods under and affecting those procedures stop running until the farm mediation service issues a mediation release to the creditor.

New Sec. 10. At the initial mediation meeting and subsequent meetings, the mediator shall:

(a) Listen to the borrower and the creditors desiring to be heard;

(b) attempt to mediate between the borrower and the creditors;

(c) advise the borrower and the creditors as to the existence of available assistance programs;

(d) encourage the parties to adjust, refinance or provide for payment of the debts;

(e) advise, counsel and assist the borrower and creditors in attempting to arrive at an agreement for the future conduct of financial relations among them.

New Sec. 11. The mediator may call mediation meetings during the mediation period, which is up to 42 days after the farm mediation service received the mediation request. However, if all parties consent, mediation may continue after the end of the mediation period.

New Sec. 12. (a) If an agreement is reached between the borrower and the creditors, the mediator shall draft a written mediation agreement, have it signed by the creditors and submit the agreement to the farm mediation service.

(b) The borrower and the creditors who are parties to the mediation agreement may enforce the mediation agreement as a legal contract. The agreement constitutes a mediation release.

(c) If the borrower waives mediation, or if a mediation agreement is not reached, the borrower and the creditors may sign a statement prepared by the mediator that mediation was waived or that the parties did not reach an agreement. If any party does not sign the statement, the mediator shall sign the statement. The statement constitutes a mediation release. Unless the borrower waives mediation, a creditor shall not receive a mediation release until the creditor has participated in at least one mediation meeting.

New Sec. 13. Upon petition by the borrower and all known creditors, the farm mediation service, for good cause, may extend a deadline imposed by section 9 or section 11 for up to 30 days.

New Sec. 14. (a) Data regarding the finances of individual borrowers and creditors created, collected and maintained by the farm mediation service shall not constitute public records.

(b) Meetings of the farm mediation service are closed meetings and are not subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4317 to 75-4320a, inclusive, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 15. The farm mediation service shall recommend rules and regulations to the coordinator. The coordinator with the approval of the state board of agriculture shall adopt rules and regulations to set the compensation of mediators and to implement this act. The compensation of the mediators shall be no more than \$25 per hour, and all parties shall contribute an equal amount of the cost. The coordinator shall adopt voluntary mediation application and mediation request forms.

New Sec. 16. No person shall initiate proceedings under this act to forfeit a real estate contract for the purchase of agricultural property which is subject to an outstanding obligation on the contract of \$20,000 or more unless the person received a mediation release under section 12, or unless the court determines after notice and hearing that the time delay

required for the mediation would cause the person to suffer irreparable harm.

New Sec. 17. The FACTS program shall provide legal assistance to financially distressed farmers.

New Sec. 18. Legal services provided under section 17 shall:

(a) Offer direct representation of individual farmers in litigation and administrative cases;

(b) offer technical support to individual farmers;

(c) utilize, to the fullest extent feasible, existing resources of accredited law schools within the state to provide consulting assistance to attorneys in the agricultural law field;

(d) assist, to the fullest extent feasible, accredited law schools within the state in enhancing their expertise in the area of agricultural law so that all attorneys within the state will have a resource available to provide training and experience in the agricultural law field;

(e) cooperate to the fullest extent feasible with the existing informational and referral networks among farmers, farmer advocates and others concerned with the economic crisis in agricultural areas.

New Sec. 19. A person may obtain legal representation and legal assistance under this act if the person meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Is a resident of this state;

(b) is a farmer, or a family shareholder of a family farm corporation, and has an occupation of farming;

(c) is engaged in a farm business that has a debt-to-asset ratio greater than 50%;

(d) has received less than \$20,000 of taxable income in the last taxable year;

(e) is financially unable to acquire legal assistance.

New Sec. 20. (a) The FACTS program shall submit to the coordinator a working plan for the provision of legal services under this act within 30 days after the contract is awarded. The



plan for providing legal services shall establish priorities and procedures and set forth its annual operating budget for the fiscal year, including projected salaries and all anticipated expenses. This budget shall set forth the maximum obligation of financial aid proposed for payment by the state and the availability of any additional funds or resources from the federal government and other sources to meet such expenses of operation.

(b) At the end of each fiscal year the FACTS program shall provide to the coordinator an audited statement of actual expenses incurred. The report shall also summarize the legal services provided and make recommendations for improved services for financially distressed farmers.

New Sec. 21. A creditor shall not initiate a proceeding under this act against a borrower to enforce a secured interest in agricultural property which is subject to a secured debt of \$20,000 or more unless the person receives a mediation release under section 12, or unless the court determines after notice and hearing that the time delay required for the mediation would cause the person to suffer irreparable harm.

New Sec. 22. (a) A creditor shall not initiate an action pursuant to this act to foreclosure on a deed of trust or mortgage on agricultural land until the creditor has complied with this section.

(b) A creditor who believes in good faith that a borrower on a deed of trust or mortgage on agricultural land is in default may give the borrower notice of the alleged default, and, if the borrower has a right to cure the default, shall give the borrower the notice of right to cure provided in section 23. The notice is deemed received if sent by certified mail to the borrower.

(c) The borrower has a right to cure the default unless the creditor has given the borrower a proper notice of right to cure with respect to two prior defaults on the obligation secured by the deed of trust or mortgage, or the borrower has voluntarily surrendered possession of the agricultural land and the creditor

has accepted it in full satisfaction of any debt owing on the obligation in default. The borrower does not have a right to cure the default if the creditor has given the borrower a proper notice of right to cure with respect to a prior default within 12 months prior to the alleged default.

(d) If the borrower has a right to cure a default:

(1) A creditor shall not accelerate the maturity of the unpaid balance of the obligation, demand or otherwise take possession of the land, other than by accepting a voluntary surrender of it, or otherwise attempt to enforce the obligation until 45 days after a proper notice of right to cure is given. The time period for a request for mediation under this act shall run concurrently with the period for the notice to cure under this section.

(2) Until the expiration of 45 days after notice is given, the borrower may cure the default by tendering either the amount of all unpaid installments due at the time of tender, without acceleration, plus a delinquency charge of the scheduled annual interest rate plus 5% per annum for the period between the giving of the notice of right to cure and the tender, or the amount stated in the notice of right to cure, whichever is less, or by tendering any performance necessary to cure a default other than nonpayment of amounts due, which is described in the notice of right to cure.

(e) The act of curing a default restores to the borrower the borrower's rights under the obligation and the deed of trust or mortgage, except as provided in subsection (c).

(f) This section does not prohibit a borrower from voluntarily surrendering possession of the agricultural land and does not prohibit the creditor from enforcing the creditor's interest in the land at any time after compliance with this section.

New Sec. 23. The notice of right to cure shall be in writing and shall conspicuously state the name, address and telephone number of the creditor to which payment is to be made,

a brief identification of the obligation secured by the deed of trust or mortgage and of the borrower's right to cure the default, a statement of the nature of the right to cure the default, a statement of the nature of the alleged default, a statement of the total payment, including an itemization of any delinquency or deferral charges, or other performance necessary to cure the alleged default, and the exact date by which the amount must be paid for performance tendered.

New Sec. 24. A person shall not initiate a proceeding under this act to foreclose a deed of trust or mortgage on agricultural property which is subject to this act and which is subject to a debt of \$20,000 or more under the deed of trust or mortgage unless the person receives a mediation release under section 12, or unless the court determines after notice and hearing that the time delay required for the mediation would cause the person to suffer irreparable harm.";

Also on page 1, in line 21, by striking "Section 1" and inserting in lieu thereof "Sec. 25";

On page 3, in line 84, by striking "Sec. 2" and inserting in lieu thereof "Sec. 26"; in line 85, by striking "Sec. 3" and inserting in lieu thereof "Sec. 27";

On page 1, in the title, line 17, after "to" by inserting the following: "assistance to farmers; concerning"; in line 18, preceding the semicolon by inserting the following: "; providing for a farm mediation program and legal assistance to farmers; providing a procedure for the cure of certain defaults; prohibiting certain legal actions until certain procedures are followed; establishing a farm crisis coordinator and providing for the powers and duties thereof";