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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Representative Susan Roenbaugh at
Chairperson

9:04 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 16, 1989 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

A resolution proclaiming March 20, 1989, as "Agriculture Day," drafted by Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office, was presented to the Committee for consideration. (Attachment 1)

Representative Bryant moved that the Committee adopt and introduce the resolution to the House of Representatives. Representative Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried by majority vote of the Committee.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

The next meeting of the House Committee on Agriculture and Small Business will be on March 21, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. in room 423-S.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____

By Committee on Agriculture and Small Business

A RESOLUTION proclaiming March 20, 1989, as "Agriculture Day".

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the oldest, largest and most respected industry in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture was and still is the foundation of the economic structure of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The American farmer, including the Kansas farmer of today produces enough food to feed 93 people at a price that is a lower percentage of income than the price paid by the American people a generation ago; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas farmer produced 323,000,000 bushels of wheat last year, which is 18% of the entire United States wheat crop; and

WHEREAS, The production of wheat in Kansas has made the state number three in flour milling capacity, number one in flour milled and number two in the amount of wheat and wheat products exported from any state; and

WHEREAS, Kansas ranks number one in the country in beef packing and number three in the country in the number of cattle on feed; and

WHEREAS, Kansas ranks number six among the states in total agricultural exports amounting to \$1.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Kansas ranked number one in the country in grain sorghum production during 1988 with 204,600,000 bushels; and

WHEREAS, Kansas produced field crops, livestock and poultry having a value of more than \$4.8 billion in 1987; and

WHEREAS, The United States and the State of Kansas owe a great debt to the thousands of industrious individuals who have given their heart and spirit to the production of food so millions of people could live healthy and happier lives; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the very heart of the national economy, our number one inflation fighter, the most efficient

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food and fiber system providing the world's most varied and highest quality food supply for only 12% of each America's income; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture serves all Americans by providing the basic necessities of life, and the performance of the agricultural economy is vital to maintaining our national economy, the standard of living of our people and our presence in world trade markets; and

WHEREAS, The American farmer and the Kansas farmer have been and will continue to be the great providers for the people of the United States and of the world: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we proclaim March 20, 1989, as "Agriculture Day".