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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

9:08 a.m./p.m. on March 21, 1989 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Gross.  
Representatives Freeman and Heinemann were excused.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

PROPONENTS:

Tom Wilson, Director, Kansas State Grain Inspection  
Department  
Joe Lieber, Kansas Co-op Council  
Tom Tunnel, Kansas Grain and Feed Association

Chairman Roenbaugh declared the meeting open for hearings on Senate Bill 277, a bill dealing with amendments and changes to the grain warehouse law.

Tom Wilson, Director, Kansas State Grain Inspection Department, gave a bill overview, describing the requested amendments and/or changes thereof. The bill would require the Director to investigate and monitor a grain handling facility which is believed to be operating without a federal or state warehouse license---costs to be borne by the owner of the facility. References to hopper car, box car, and direct transfer would be replaced with the term "carlot." The bill would reduce from 90 days to 30 days a waiver that the Director may grant an applicant for warehouse licensure. Misdemeanors for noncompliance with provisions would be amended from class C to class A. The deductibility provision in insurance policies required of warehousemen would be increased from a maximum of \$250 to a maximum of \$10,000.

One of the members of the Committee asked where the bill specifies who should determine the deductibility permissible by a warehouseman.

The Director indicated that it should be included and that it would be determined by the amount of the balance sheet and worth of the particular warehouseman applying for same. Norman Furse, staff, Revisor of Statutes Office, was asked to examine the bill more closely for inclusion of this.

Another member asked Mr. Wilson if consideration had been given to making the noncompliance with provisions a civil offense rather than a class A misdemeanor. Mr. Wilson indicated that they would be glad to answer to that in the meeting in which final action on the bill is to be taken.

Mr. Joe Lieber, Kansas Co-op Council, indicated their organization to be in support of the bill.

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Mr. Tom Tunnel, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, also spoke briefly in behalf of the legislation.

The Chairman called for the wishes of the Committee on final action of this bill. The two requests of members concerning civil penalty and determination of deductibility for insurance purposes were given precedence to final action which is now scheduled for March 23, 1989.

The hearings on Senate Bill 277 were closed by Chairman Roenbaugh.

Minutes for March 3, 14, 15, and 16, 1989, were presented to the Committee. Representative Amos moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Representative Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

The next meeting of the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee will be on March 22, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. in room 423-S.

