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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jim Allen at
Chairperson

9:11 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on January 10, 1990 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative John Solbach

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Pat Brunton, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Pat Roberts, U.S. Congress
Representative Dan Glickman, U.S. Congress

The joint meeting of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees was called to order by Senator Jim Allen, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Senator Allen welcomed U.S. Congressmen Pat Roberts (R-Kans) and Dan Glickman (D-Kans) who, in turn, presented information on agriculture issues in Washington.

Among those issues was the new farm bill which should be prepared before the expiration date of September 30, 1990. It was stated no major changes in a new farm bill are expected as people are tired of changes in programs. However, both also said a provision for a soybean program is needed in the 1990 federal farm bill. There is now more demand for soybeans than production. A farm bill that will keep farmers and ranchers available to all national and world markets is desired.

The congressmen said they would be pushing for expanded substitution of crops on farm acreage bases, but predicted it would be a tough fight in Congress.

Legislation is desired to enhance rural development and to help with rural health care. Representative Glickman said rural health care is receiving only piecemeal attention.

During discussion, it was stated investigations are being conducted into the excessive price increase for propane gas by two federal departments.

There is a need to redefine the disaster program in order to better help those most affected by disaster. Committee members were encouraged to continue communicating information to the congressmen.

It was agreed that re-structuring of the federal crop insurance program is needed and it was urged that such re-structuring be encouraged by our representatives.

After a question and answer period, Senator Allen thanked the congressmen for their information. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting of the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee will be at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 17, 1990, in Room 423-S.

