

Approved April 28, 1990
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Senator Allen at
Chairperson

10:36 a.m./~~XXX~~ on April 27, 1990 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Frahm
Senator Harder

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Allen called the Committee to order and turned Committee attention to the subject of interim study topics.

Staff gave the Committee a list of possible subjects (attachment 1) to request for interim study.

The Chairman called for Committee comments, concerns or additional subjects.

Committee comments favored the topics of a Forestry Program Review, County Level Extension Funding, Commercialization of Agricultural Products, Companion Animal Statutes, Fertilizer Containment Facility Law and Bonding of Livestock Dealers. The request was made that the Companion Animal Statutes topic also include the topic of the Health and Welfare of Animals. It was commented that if the Companion Animal Statutes are studied that tours/visits of some of the breeders establishments that are causing problems should be visited by the members of the Interim Study Committee.

The Chairman requested staff prepare a letter for the Legislative Coordinating Council suggesting the above mentioned topics as discussed. The Chairman thanked the Committee members for their attendance and help during the 1990 Session and then adjourned the Committee at 10:55 a.m.

MEMORANDUM

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To: Senate Committee on Agriculture
From: Raney Gilliland, Principal Analyst
Re: Potential Topics for Interim Study

The Chairman of the Committee requested that staff put together a list of possible topics for interim study. Below you will find that list.

1. **Commercialization of Agricultural Products.** An interim committee could consider the role of the state in fostering the development of businesses and industries that use agricultural products in nontraditional processes.
2. **Companion Animal Statutes.** Several bills were considered during the 1990 Session that would amend the companion animal statutes. In addition, a Legislative Post Audit review of the program has been initiated and is anticipated to be completed in ten weeks. An interim committee could study these statutes.
3. **Fertilizer Containment Facility Law.** In 1989, the Legislature adopted the fertilizer containment facility law. The State Board of Agriculture is in the process of developing rules and regulations for the administration of that law. A review of some of the difficulties in interpreting legislative intent would help the agency develop these rules and regulations.
4. **Bonding of Livestock Dealers.** A bill was considered during the 1990 Session that would have required bonding for livestock dealers and those that operate video auctions (H.B. 2787). This bill is in Conference Committee.
5. **Examination of the Four Commodity Commissions.** Periodically, interim agriculture committees have examined the programs of the four commodity commissions to determine if the commissions are continuing to meet the goals and needs of producers.
6. **Beginning Farmer Loan Program.** An interim committee could review the administratively established beginning farmer loan program to determine the statewide implications.
7. **County Level Extension Funding.** A large number of counties are facing mill levy limitations on their county extension funding. An

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interim committee could review the budgeting process for county programs to determine the proper state, county, and federal funding mix for administration of county programs.

8. **Forestry Program Review.** Increased demand and flat federal funding for the state forestry program have created problems with the limited number of personnel in the state's forestry program at Kansas State University. An interim committee could review the current program and make recommendations for future program development.