

Approved April 26, 1991
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

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

10:17 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on April 25, 1991 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Brady (excused)
Senator Frahm (excused)
Senator Sallee (excused)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Allen called the Committee to order and called attention to the list of topics, prepared by staff, to consider for recommendation for interim study (attachment 1). The Chairman called for any additional topics that Committee members would like to suggest and for any suggestions that lobbyists present would like to present.

Sue Peterson requested that the Committee consider requesting a study be made about legislation that would provide the same coverage for the veterinarians that work within the Kansas State Veterinary School as would be provided for veterinarians in SB 279 regarding client privilege.

Committee comments expressed interest and the need to be informed on the issues as listed excepting the issue concerning Organic Farming.

The Chairman requested that staff write a letter to the Legislative Coordinating Council suggesting the listed topics with the exception of the Organic Farming and with the addition of the request regarding the veterinarians that work within the Kansas State Veterinary School.

Staff explained that the letter would be written after adjournment so that topics would reflect correct status as legislation might yet be passed affecting some of these topics.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their attendance and efforts for the Committee this session and then adjourned the Committee at 10:32 a.m.

MEMORANDUM

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

The Chairman of the Committee requested that a list of possible topics for interim study be put together. Below you will find that list. The list is not in any priority order.

1. **Commercialization of Nonfood Uses for Agricultural Products.** An interim committee could consider the role of the state in fostering the development of businesses and industries that use agricultural products for nonfood uses. The 1990 Farm Bill authorized the establishment of regional centers to focus on nonfood uses for agricultural products where the state and private industry could cooperate to establish the regional centers.
2. **Companion Animal Statutes.** Several bills were considered during the 1991 Session that would have amended the companion animal statutes. An interim committee could consider the proposed changes and make any additional recommendations that it believes are necessary.
3. **Noxious Weed Law.** The Legislature has considered several pieces of legislation that would have made changes to the Noxious Weed Law. An interim committee could review the entire program and make recommendations for changes.
4. **Aquaculture and Regulation of Fish Inspection.** The 1991 Legislature considered S.B. 203, that would have equated aquaculture with farming in various statutes such as tax and employment. That bill did not receive approval. At the same time, an interim committee could consider the necessity of providing inspection of fish and fish products.
5. **Organic Farming.** The 1990 federal Farm Bill established definitions for what constitutes organically grown products. An interim committee could consider these definitions and make recommendations concerning the regulation of organically grown crops or livestock products.
6. **Rural Development and FACTS.** Several state agencies have been involved in various aspects of rural development. An interim committee could review the roles of each of these agencies to determine the appropriateness of each. In addition, an interim committee could consider any needed changes in the FACTS Program.

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