

Approved: 2-4-94
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:00 a.m. on January 27, 1994 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Quorum was present

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Marc Johnson, Interim Dean of Agriculture

Dr. Donald J. Roufa, Professor, Division of Biology

Karen P. Penner, Professor and Extension Specialist, Department of Foods and Nutrition

John S. Hickman, Extension Specialist and Coordinator, Environmental Quality, Department of Agronomy

Others attending: See attached list

A motion was made by Senator Morris to adopt the minutes of January 20, 24 and 25. Motion was seconded by Senator Frahm. Motion carried.

Chairperson Corbin called on Dr. Marc Johnson, Kansas State University, to give an overview of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service.

Dr. Johnson introduced Dr. Roufa, Karen Penner and John Hickman. He said each of them would review the Department that they headed, and their reports would center around the research and educational activities associated with three newly appointed forums in agriculture. The forums include: Biotechnology, Food Safety and Agriculture, Water and Environment. A booklet Thrusts in 1993 was distributed to committee members. This booklet contains the information presented by the conferees, and it is on file in Legislative Research and Chairperson Corbin's office.

Dr. Donald J. Roufa, Professor Division of Biotechnology Research, stated their research is aimed at important agricultural problems in both plant and animal sciences. Their scientists are investigating new products and procedures to improve the quality of Kansas agricultural products.

Karen P. Penner, Professor and Extension Specialist, Department of Foods and Nutrition, reviewed their programs, and stressed food safety has been and will continue to be an important area of the food safety forum. She responded to questions.

John S. Hickman, Extension Specialist and Coordinator, Environmental Quality, Department of Agronomy said their forum has approximately 50 on and off campus research, extension and teaching faculty participate. The primary areas of emphasis are water quality, water conservation and sustainable agriculture. He responded to questions.

Three resolutions supporting the corporate farm bills were distributed (Attachment 1), (Attachment 2) and (Attachment 3).

Chairperson Corbin announced the agenda for next week. The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 1994.

RESOLUTION No 1-94

Corporate Farming

Over the past several years restrictions in the corporate farming laws, specifically the corporate ownership and vertical integration restrictions pertaining to swine and dairy operations, have had a negative impact on the rural areas of the State. Cattle, poultry and rabbit operations were exempted many years ago and have experienced significant growth and success as a result of past changes.

Removing the restrictions on corporate swine and dairy farming will provide the opportunity to help stimulate our rural economy and create long-term employment opportunities throughout rural Kansas.

Processing plants will be built in areas where producers are provided the opportunity to raise a significant number of animals for processing. These plants will cause a "domino effect" in the economy creating one new job after another. This was clearly demonstrated by the large growth of the beef industry in Kansas in the past ten years.

To remain competitive with our neighboring states, the Osborne City Council supports change in the current statutes on corporate farming. The cattle, poultry and rabbit producers in the State have benefited from changes in the corporate farming laws in Kansas and now is the time for the swine and dairy producers to have the same opportunity.

Specifically, we support the expansion of the current cattle, poultry and rabbit exemptions to include swine and dairy. This change will create, over time, thousands of jobs and help secure the survival of vital part of our agricultural infrastructure in Kansas.

Signed by:

Herald Holtenberg Mayor
Name Title

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Signed by:

Stanley M. Thibault Chairman
Name Title

12/20/93
Date

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Attachment 2*

