

Approved: January 21, 1997
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Flower at 9:00 a.m. on January 14, 1997, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Flower called the first House Agriculture Committee meeting of the 1997 Legislative Session to order by asking all committee members and guests in attendance to introduce themselves and share a little something about their background.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and expressed the hope that everyone would work together in an atmosphere of cooperation on agricultural issues this session. In an effort to avoid future conflicts, the Chairperson provided each member with a copy of proposed committee rules for 1997 as well as information for conferees appearing before the committee. (Attachment 1) Committee members were asked to review the proposed rules before final implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 1997.

COMMITTEE RULES
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The purpose of these rules is to facilitate the understanding of members of the Committee and the public in reviewing the flow of legislation through this committee. Unless stated to the contrary herein, the rules of the House or Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure will apply.

PROTOCOL OF MEETING & COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Items listed on the agenda shall be brought before the committee in order of appearance. However, the chair may bring to discussion and possible vote any bills previously heard at any time.
2. Original motions shall be in order when a bill is pending for consideration. A substitute motion will not be allowed.
3. An amendment to a bill must be "germane" to the area of law that is being proposed or changed. Since committees serve the purpose of examining issues for which there may be multiple solutions or approaches, "germaneness" will be interpreted as broadly as possible. Only the chair shall determine if an amendment is "germane."
4. The question of adjournment shall be reserved to the chair and no motion to adjourn shall be entertained.
5. A motion to "table a bill" shall be in order at any time a question or series of questions (including an original motion) are pending. The motion to "table a bill" is non-debatable and requires a majority vote of members present to pass. A successful motion to "table a bill" shall lay the bill over a minimum of one day.
6. A motion to "take from the table" shall be in order only when such item is on the agenda or is taken up by the chair. The motion requires a simple majority and is debatable.
7. A motion to report a bill "without recommendation" shall not be in order.
8. A motion to reconsider a previous successful motion shall only be made by a member voting on the prevailing side on the original motion. A simple majority vote of members present shall be required to reconsider a previous successful motion.

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9. A motion to report a bill out of committee shall not be in order until all amendments which have been prepared by the Revisor of Statutes office and reported to the chairman in advance of the meeting have been considered.
10. No conferee shall be interrupted, except by the chair, during presentation of their testimony.
11. Questioning of a conferee shall be limited to the subject matter of the agenda for the day.
12. There shall be no recorded committee votes on committee action. Any committee member may request their individual vote be recorded on a bill.
13. The chair shall set the Committee Agenda.
14. Requests for committee bills shall only be made by legislators or state agencies.
15. Seating will be assigned by the chairman.
16. Requests for excused absences will be honored. Prior notification of absences shall be communicated to the committee secretary.
17. All powers, duties, and responsibilities not addressed above are reserved to the chair.

INFORMATION FOR CONFEREES
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1. When time is separately reserved on the agenda for proponents and opponents of an issue and the time expires for either side, the testimony shall cease. Conferee's time limit will be determined by the number of conferees and order of business. The chairman may make exceptions for the original sponsor of a bill, Legislative Staff, and State Agency Personnel. Conferees will be recognized in the order as established by the committee chairman. No conferee will be allowed to "yield" their time to another conferee.
2. All conferees are requested to submit a one-page summary of testimony. (More lengthy written testimony may be submitted in addition to the one-page summary.)
3. All conferees shall have written testimony and shall provide 25 copies to the committee secretary at the time of appearance. If a one-page summary and written testimony are both presented, then 25 copies of each shall be required.
4. All conferees whose testimony extends more than one page, or five minutes, shall expect their time to be shortened by the chair, if necessary, to expedite the meeting. Exceptions will be allowed for the original sponsor of a bill, staff briefings, and state agency briefings.
5. At the option of the chair, all who are scheduled to testify on a bill may be required to submit written testimony 24 hours in advance of the hearing for distribution to committee members.
6. Anyone wishing to testify before the Committee shall contact the Committee Secretary, Kay Scarlett, at (913) 296-7684 a minimum of 24 hours before the meeting.
7. No food or drinks will be allowed in the committee room by guests, spectators, or conferees.