

Approved: 3-23-98
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 1998 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Allie Devine, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 1998 meeting as submitted. Senator Umbarger seconded. Motion carried.

Allie Devine, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture, appeared before the Committee and discussed the Governor's Conference on Agriculture, which will take place March 20, 1998 in Wichita, Kansas. She advised that this conference was brought about by farm organizations, people on her staff and others who wanted to escalate the visibility of agriculture in the state in relationship to urban communities. Secretary Devine discussed the program as follows:

United States Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman is going to be present and is expected to talk about issues of the Asian financial prices and trade implications it has had on the United States, food safety, environmental issues, and Secretary Devine will request Mr. Glickman address the EPA discussion on intervening and regulating confined feeding operations. (ATTACHMENT 1)

The next segment will be mostly about U.S. Financial markets and agriculture financing in the future. Sheila Bair, Vice President of Government Relations, New York Stock Exchange, will be on this panel and Secretary Devine has specifically ask her to address the historical significance of the stock markets reaching 8,000 and above and what the long term implication will be for financing in the United States. Also on the panel will be Dave Spears, Commodity Futures Trading Corporation Commissioner and he will be talking about options markets, risk management tools, and some things the Commodity Futures Trading Corporation may be planning and some of their activities.

Mr. Harry Cleberg, CEO, Farmland Industries, will address some of the transportation issues the cooperatives have undergone, new cooperative ideas and also some trade issues.

Drew Collier, Vice President for Grain Marketing, Union Pacific Railroad, spoke at the Nebraska Agriculture Meeting about Union Pacific's incentive programs to get elevators to use marketing of grain throughout the year instead of just during the peak periods in the summer and fall.

The Governor will speak at noon concerning some statistical data and implications between rural agriculture and urban cities.

In the afternoon there will be a panel that will react to some of the statements in the morning. It will be light-hearted with a roll reversal. U.S. Senator Pat Roberts is expected to be the moderator and on the panel will be Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, Agriculture 2002; Jerry Bohn, past president, KLA; Roger Pine, National Corn Growers; and Marion McMillan, Nations Banks in Kansas; as well as an ag person from Koch Industries.

Secretary Devine advised there will be every opportunity for questions throughout the program.

The next meeting is on call for next week.

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: 3-12-98

NAME	REPRESENTING
<i>Allen Woods</i>	<i>KS Dept. of Ag.</i>
<i>April Trimmell</i>	<i>Liberal, KS.</i>
<i>Chris Trimmell</i>	
<i>Tommy Trimmell</i>	✓

Governor Bill Graves' Conference on Agriculture

March 20, 1998

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Wichita, Kan.

*Many Changes: Economics, Transportation, Finances and Regulations--
How Will They Affect Kansas Agriculture and Agribusiness in the Future?*

- 8:00-9:00** Registration and coffee
- 9:00-9:30** Presentation by United States Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman
- 9:30-10:30** Financing Agriculture
Sheila Bair, Vice President of Government Relations, New York Stock Exchange
Dave Spears, Commodity Futures Trading Corporation Commissioner and
Subcommittee Chair for review of financial instruments
- 10:45-11:15** Adding Value, Transporting and Selling Agricultural Products
Harry Cleberg, CEO, Farmland Industries
- 11:15-11:45** Consolidation of Rail Transportation and the Impact on Agriculture
Drew Collier, Vice President for Grain Marketing, Union Pacific Railroad
- 12:00-1:30** Luncheon presentation by Governor Bill Graves
Kansas and the Agricultural Economy
- 1:30-3:00** Industry Reactions to Changes and Challenges
U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, moderator
Agriculture 2002, Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh
The Kansas Livestock Industry, Jerry Bohn, past president, KLA
Feed Grains, Roger Pine, National Corn Growers
The Banking Industry, Larry Heyka, NationsBank, St. Louis (invited)

Registration

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Name(s) _____

Organization _____

Address _____

_____ Number attending luncheon.

If attending the luncheon, please enclose \$25 per plate. Checks should be made out to "The Governor's Conference on Agriculture." To ensure a place at the luncheon, checks and registration forms should be returned by March 13 to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Fiscal Section, 901 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kan. 66612-1280; phone 785-296-3558 or fax 785-296-8389 for more information.

*Senate Agriculture
March 20, 1998
Attachment 1*