

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The joint meeting of the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture was called to order by Senator Stephen Morris at 12:00 p.m. on April 7, 1999, in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Flora - excused
Representative Freeborn - excused
Representative Mollenkamp - excused
Representative Tedder - excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Dan Glickman, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture

Others attending: See attached list

Welcoming remarks and introductions were made by Senator Stephen Morris, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

Dan Glickman, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, addressed the joint committee sharing his thoughts on current problems in the farm economy. He said that natural disasters and declining foreign markets have combined to depress farm prices; in addition, record grain production worldwide in 1996, 1997, and 1998 has created a supply glut that sharply reduced U.S. grain sales overseas, a classic example of supply and demand.

Secretary Glickman noted that the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act has many good provisions, but its writers did not envision the decline in farm prices that American farmers have experienced in recent years. The Secretary said Congress is looking at ways to deal with the current crisis, but does not want to go back to micro management of agriculture.

Secretary Glickman answered committee questions concerning the current agricultural crisis and what USDA is doing to assist the agricultural community. This was Glickman's first appearance at the Kansas Legislature since he became agriculture secretary four years ago.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Tom R TUNNELL	KS GRAIN & FEED / FERT & CHEM ASSN
Aaron W. Harries	" "
Dave Wareham	" "
Julie Jimison	" "
Tim Peterson	Kansas State FSA Committee
Marjellen Appleby	Ks. State FSA Committee
Rak Leach	" " " "
Gary L. Wulf	Bridge News. Kc
Rep. Andrew Howell	Dist #4
Wanda Eckhardt	" "
Paul Johnson	
Derry Dudley	Ks Dept of Commerce - Ag Div
Dennis Hupe	KDCH Ag Div.
Rep STAN DREHER	9th District
GEORGE TEAGARDEN	Ks Animal Health Dept
Don Rezac	Rezac Land and Livestock
Rep. JOE SHELVER	Dist. #29
Diane Gjerstad	Wichita Public Schools
Margaret Long	State Representative

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<i>Helen O'Brien</i>	<i>State Rep</i>
<i>Ethel Peterson</i>	<i>Rep 116th Dist</i>
<i>Martin Hawver</i>	<i>Hawver's Capitol Report</i>
<i>Kathy Patten</i>	<i>Speaker's office</i>
<i>Chris Wilson</i>	<i>KS Ag Aviation Ass'n</i>
<i>Kerri Ebert</i>	<i>Kansas Dairy Association</i>
<i>Jim Pedder</i>	<i>State Rep 101</i>
<i>Tracy Stuck</i>	<i>Conservation Comm.</i>
<i>Shehna Shunder</i>	<i>House Democratic leader's office</i>
<i>Melamp Barnes</i>	<i>Kansas House 95th Dist</i>
<i>Patty Clark</i>	<i>KS Farm Bureau</i>
<i>Frederick DeLuz</i>	<i>KS State Research & Extension</i>
<i>Bill Tuller</i>	<i>Kansas Farm Bureau</i>
<i>Leslie Kaufman</i>	<i>KS Farm Bureau</i>
<i>Kathleen Souper</i>	<i>KS Farm Bureau</i>
<i>Ken Gortewing</i>	<i>myself</i>
<i>Ann Wilt</i>	<i>KS Legislature</i>
<i>Mary Jane Stattelman</i>	<i>KS Dept of Agriculture</i>
<i>Greg Krissch</i>	<i>KS Dept of Ag</i>

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Jim Allen	Sea board
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David Fry	Ks. Wheat Commission
Jeff Arpin	Division of the Budget
Chuck Banks	Sen. Pat Roberts Office
Alice Durbin	Ks. Department of Agriculture
Marc A. Johnson	Manhattan, KS - KSU-Ag.
Steven M. Graham	Manhattan, KS - KSU-Ag.