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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 1999 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:

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Umbarger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 1999 minutes as submitted. Senator Clark seconded and the motion carried.

SCR 1616 - urging Congress to remove or restrict the use of trade sanctions as they apply to agricultural products, and to work for the reduction or elimination of trade barriers and sanctions imposed by other countries against agricultural products; urging the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture to provide greater opportunities to the farmers of the United States by taking greater advantage of the export enhancement program; urging Congress to require country of origin labeling on foreign meat and dairy products raised and produced in other countries; urging Congress to investigate the need for mandatory price reporting by packers in the livestock industry; and urging Congress, the Justice Department and the packers and stockyard division of the United States Department of Agriculture to investigate market concentration and pending mergers in the livestock and grain industry.

Senator Downey made a motion to amend SCR 1616 to eliminate specific company names in the resolution. Senator Umbarger seconded. Motion carried.

Senator Downey made a motion to amend SCR 1616 to add statements regarding the pork and beef industry and supporting a market system free of government restrictions. Senator Umbarger seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Biggs made a motion to amend SCR 1616 to delete line 27 on page 2 and add wording to require labeling on the final consumer product. Senator Downey seconded. Motion carried.

Senator Downey made a motion to pass favorably as amended SCR 1616. Senator Umbarger seconded. The motion carried.

