

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 1:30 p.m. on April 30, 2001, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Faber - absent  
Representative Flora - absent

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

**Discussion on Senate Substitute for Substitute HB 2468 - Animal diseases; quarantine; state of disaster emergency; garbage feeding.**

The Committee met to discuss **Senate Substitute for Substitute HB 2468** heard in the joint meeting of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees on April 25, 2001, to address several issues concerning the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Great Britain and elsewhere. The Livestock Commissioner of the Animal Health Department advocated the changes which relate to allowing the Governor to direct officials from other state agencies to assist with any quarantine which may be necessary. Raney Gilliland explained the final version of the bill as passed by the Senate. Senator Derek Schmidt, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, discussed Senate rationale for making the proposed changes and answered committee questions.

Representative Freeborn proposed that the House concur on **Senate Substitute for Substitute HB 2468**. As there was no objection, the Chairman will move to concur with the Senate on this bill.

A copy of a letter from Tommy Irvin, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, to Ann M. Veneman, United States Secretary of Agriculture, concerning banning the feeding of garbage to livestock within the United States was distributed. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Johnson asked Gordon Self to report conference committee progress on **HB 2101**. Mr. Self indicated that the House and Senate are in general agreement on **HB 2101**, but are attempting to include the provisions of **HB 2102**. He reported a general consensus to include the 18-month fuel pump testing provision; to remove the metric system requirement in plans and specifications submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation; and to extend the compliance period for aggregate producers to 2 years. The conference committee's main area of disagreement is the observation of the weighing of contracted product. Copies of a proposed amendment to be presented at the next meeting of the conference committee were distributed. (Attachment 2)

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.





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Tommy Irvin  
Commissioner

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**Office of Secretary**

The Honorable Ann M. Veneman  
Secretary of Agriculture  
United States Department of Agriculture  
14<sup>th</sup> and Independence, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Madam Secretary:

I have just returned from an informative trip to the European Union and Great Britain where I had the opportunity to discuss the foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak with foreign agriculture officials.

You may know that the feeding of swill (i.e. garbage) to swine was the most likely cause of the index case in the United Kingdom (UK). I recommended that the UK Ministry of Agriculture take necessary action to ban the feeding of garbage and they effectively did so Wednesday of last week. I believe that it would be a prudent move for the U. S. to follow suit and disallow the feeding of garbage to livestock nationwide. Most states already have such restrictions in place to prevent the spread of highly infectious agents, most notably hog cholera, and it will be an effective preventive measure against FMD. Although the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture will be actively considering this measure for all states, I urge you to take the lead in making it happen.

Upon my return to the U. S. through Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta, Georgia, you will be pleased to know that I noticed proper signage alerting incoming passengers about FMD and I was questioned by immigration officials about my foreign travel itinerary and possible import of agricultural products. Upon my response of traveling within an FMD quarantined area, the Plant Protection Quarantine officials inspected the contents of my luggage and sanitized all of my footwear. They are to be commended for practicing due diligence with regard to protecting our domestic animal agriculture interests.

I appreciate in advance your consideration of banning the feeding of garbage to livestock within the U. S. and will be pleased to discuss this with you personally.

Sincerely,

  
Tommy Irvin

*Copy to Senator Schmidt and Rep. Johnson*

House Agriculture Committee  
April 30, 2001  
Attachment 1

Proposed amendment to HB No. 2102  
to be added to HB 2101

House Agriculture Committee  
April 30, 2001  
Attachment 2

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2 the secretary all inspection reports, test reports and any other service  
3 reports or other information on any device owned or operated by the  
4 owner or any agent or employee of the owner and other information  
5 necessary for the enforcement of chapter 83 of the Kansas Statutes An-  
6 notated, and amendments thereto or any rules and regulations adopted  
7 thereunder, and as required by the secretary;

8 (22) to fail to have any commercial weight, measure or weighing and  
9 measuring device tested as required by chapter 83 of the Kansas Statutes  
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12 (23) to sell or offer or expose for sale liquefied petroleum gas in  
13 packages or containers which do not bear a statement as to tare and net  
14 weight as required by chapter 83 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and  
15 amendments thereto or any rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or  
16 packages or containers which bear a false statement as to weights;

17 (24) to sell, use, remove, or otherwise dispose of, or fail to remove  
18 from the premises specified, any weighing or measuring device or package  
19 or commodity contrary to the terms of any order issued by the secretary;

20 [and]  
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27 agriculture;

28 (2) certify a device as correct unless the device meets the tolerances  
29 and specifications as required by chapter 83 of the Kansas Statutes An-  
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31 thereunder;

32 (3) hinder or obstruct in any way the secretary in the performance of  
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35 thereunder;

36 (4) fail to follow the standards and requirements set forth in K.S.A.  
37 83-202, and amendments thereto, or any rules and regulations adopted  
38 thereunder;

39 (5) fail to complete the testing or placing-in-service report in its en-  
40 tirety and to report the accurate description of the parts replaced, ad-  
41 justed, reconditioned or work performed;

42 (6) file a false or fraudulent service company or technical represen-  
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