

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on March 16, 2005, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Discussion and Action on HCR 5016 - Concurrent Resolution supporting a Taiwan-United States trade agreement

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for discussion on **HCR 5016**, a concurrent resolution supporting a Taiwan-United States trade agreement.

Representative Larkin moved to amend **HCR 5016** to add language encouraging Taiwan to lift the ban on the importation of U.S. beef and beef products. (Attachment 1) In addition, Representative Larkin requested that the amended language be reflected in the title of the resolution. Seconded by Representative Feuerborn, the motion carried. John Watson, Director, Trade Development Division, Kansas Department of Commerce, stated that the department had no objection to the amendment.

Representative Larkin moved to recommend **HCR 5016**, as amended, favorable for adoption. Seconded by Representative Feuerborn, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2005.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5016

By Committee on Agriculture

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Proposed Amendments to
House Concurrent Resolution No. 5016

House Agriculture Committee
March 16, 2005
Attachment 1

9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting a Taiwan-United States
10 free trade agreement.

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12 WHEREAS, Kansas and Taiwan share a long and mutually beneficial
13 trade relationship; and

14 WHEREAS, The Kansas agricultural industry has benefited greatly
15 over the last 20 years from the sale of wheat, corn and beef into Taiwan;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The market potential for Kansas products into the
18 Greater China Economic Area through Taiwan is positive; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most im-
20 portant economic and strategic international relationships that exists to-
21 day; and

22 WHEREAS, Together, Taiwan and the United States promote a
23 shared belief in freedom, democracy and market principles; and

24 WHEREAS, The level of mutual investment between Taiwan and the
25 United States is quite high; and

26 WHEREAS, Streamlined foreign investment procedures developed
27 under a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would lead to further
28 investment by firms in both Taiwan and the United States and would
29 create new business opportunities and new jobs; and

30 WHEREAS, A Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would en-
31 courage greater innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating
32 joint technological development, practical applications and new cooper-
33 ative ventures; and

34 WHEREAS, A Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would
35 build on the existing strong relations between Taiwan and the United
36 States to simultaneously boost Taiwan's democracy and serve the broader
37 interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region: Now, therefore,

38 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
39 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we support the negotiations of a
40 Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and

41 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
42 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States,
43 the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Com-

WHEREAS, Currently, Taiwan has imposed a ban on the
importation of U.S. beef and beef products; and

WHEREAS, There has been only one case of BSE in the
United States originating from a cow imported from Canada, and the
United States has imposed a ban on the importation of Canadian beef;
and

Be it further resolved: That we encourage Taiwan to lift the
ban on the importation of U.S. beef and beef products; and