

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on February 20, 2002, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative O'Brien - excused
Representative Showalter - excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Brett Myers, Executive Vice President, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers
Kansas Agricultural Alliance (written only)

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing, discussion and action on HB 2817 - Filing time on harvesting liens.

Chairman Johnson opened the hearing on **HB 2817**. Raney Gilliland explained that **HB 2817** would extend the filing time on agriculture liens filed on statements of harvesting from 15 days to 30 days after completion of services. The bill would also remove the five-day interruption provision from the statute.

As there were no conferees, the Chairman closed the hearing and opened discussion on **HB 2817**. Representative Feuerborn, moved to recommend HB 2817 favorable for passage, and because the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar. Seconded by Representative Hutchins, the motion carried.

Hearing, discussion and action on HCR 5037 - Concurrent Resolution urging the federal government to aggressively respond to the spread and eradication of Karnal bunt.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HCR 5037**. Raney Gilliland explained the resolution introduced at the request of the interim Special Committee on Agriculture.

Brett Myers, Executive Vice President of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and President of the Kansas Agricultural Alliance, appeared in support of **HCR 5037** (Attachment 1) and offered a balloon amendment endorsed by numerous farm organizations. (Attachment 2)

The Kansas Agricultural Alliance, representing 22 agricultural associations, offered written support for the amendments to **HCR 5037** presented by Brett Myers. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Johnson closed the hearing and opened discussion on **HCR 5037**.

Representative Faber moved to amended HCR 5037 as proposed by Mr. Myers, plus any necessary technical corrections, and as the resolution would be substantially changed, rename the resolution **Substitute for HCR 5037**. Seconded by Representative Ostmeyer, the amendment passed.

Representative Larkin moved to recommend HCR 5037, as amended in the form of a substitute resolution, favorable for adoption. The motion was seconded by Representative Faber. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2002.

