

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 2:00 p.m. on March 27, 2000, 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:
 Representative Daniel Thimesch

Others attending: (See Attached)

Hearing on:

HCR 5070 - urging the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Kansas State Research and Extension of the College of Agriculture, Kansas Cattlemen's Association, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Farmers Union, Kansas Pork Producers Council, Kansas Livestock Association and the independent small locker plants to assist producers of beef, pork and poultry to market their own products.

Representative Daniel Thimesch appeared before the committee to support **HCR 5070** as an important means of encouragement to producers of beef, pork and poultry to market their own products.

Senator Clark made a motion to amend **HCR 5070** to include "Kansas" before the Department of Agriculture and Department of Commerce and add "and Housing" after Department of Commerce. Senator Umbarger seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Umbarger made a motion to pass favorably as amended **HCR 5070**. Senator Downey seconded. The motion carried.

Hearing on:

HCR 5063 - supporting the establishment of a center of excellence in Kansas for the scientific study of medicinal plants.

Staff pointed out that Representative Gwen Welshimer had testified in House Agriculture Committee that this resolution would aid in obtaining federal grant monies.

Senator Downey made a motion to pass favorably **HCR 5063**. Senator Umbarger seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.