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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:09 a.m. on February 26, 1993 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: all members were present

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The Chairman announced that SB 302 would be re-referred through Federal and State and keep alive, and that the hearing on it would be continued at a later date.

He opened the discussion on SB 336 - concerning agricultural corporations; relating to swine production facilities.

Distributed was Alvin Bauman written testimony disagreeing with the analysis made in Professor Flinchbaugh testimony (Attachment 1).

A lengthy discussion followed with members of the committee expressing their viewpoint on SB 336. Senator Wisdom moved to amended the bill to include dairy production. Seconded by Senator Steffes. Discussion on the amendment followed. Motion carried. A motion was made by Senator Frahm to pass the bill as amended. Seconded by Senator Morris. Motion carried.

The Chair opened the discussion on SB 335 - concerning the Kansas pesticide law; relating to the registration of agricultural pest consultants. A balloon copy of proposed amendments was distributed. Staff explained the amendments. A motion was made by Senator Morris to adopt the amendments as presented in the balloon. Senator Karr seconded. Motion carried. A motion was made by Senator Karr to pass the bill as amended. Senator Morris seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Frahm to adopt the minutes of February 22. Seconded by Senator Sallee. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: Senate Agriculture

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To the Senate Agriculture Committee 2-24-93

First I wish to thank Senator Corbin for providing me with a copy of Flinchbaugh statement in regards to Hog Corporation. Second I beg to disagree with his analysis.

Prof. Flinchbaugh economics of the issue is not clear. The decline in Hog production in Kansas is due to the loss of 64,818 Family Farmers as U. S. Census Bureau reports. In the neighborhood where I used to farm five farmers, that all produced a few hogs, have disappeared, where did they go? To the Cities and forced more on Welfare at tax payer expense.

Just one more paragraph of question? Were's any FACTS that Kansas would get a PACKING PLANT if Corporate Hog Farming came to Kansas? Surely the ones that produce hog now have found a market. As to feeding more grain, the five hog producers that I cited are no more feeding grain and jobs? What kind of jobs? The LeRoy Kansas Bankers that testified put it right of what kind of jobs that would be lost.

I could go into a lot of detail of why I disagree with Flinchbaugh but feel other remarks of our economy should be explored.

When I went to school I was taught that we should read history to guide us in the future. Now what has gone wrong would take a book but I'll try and make the point in short form. The late Sen. Capper and fair minded Congress passed the Stabilization Act and the Stegall Amendment that took effect in 1942, for 16 years farm prices (RAW MATERIALS) could not go below 90% of parity nor over 110% of parity, wages were controlled and prices were controlled. America fought World War II and for 6 years after the War we not only had a BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET but paid off on the war debt. And what was our ECONOMY like? People were happy, Crime was very low, no Bankruptcies, no family farms for sale because a dollar was worth a dollar and they didn't have to sell, the small rural communities were prosperous, in fact our whole National economy was on a boom. What went wrong. What went wrong? The law that gave us the protection prices and controls was to end two years after the war was over unless Congress extended it. Truman sign that the war was over and the law expired in 1952. The GREEDY IMPORTER, with products from slave labor and the Greedy Big International Bankers wanting to make more interest by loaning money didn't want the law extended. That's when Sen. Capper made this great true statement when the Congress was debating extending the law "OUATE2" "the buying power of rural America is the motive force that keeps factory wheels turning. Take that away, and many an industrial center would become a ghost town." So may I ask Prof. Flinchbaugh to go back and read history? How we had prosperity when we had all them little independent farmers and growing small communities, less Welfare and less crime.

The late Carl Wilkens tried to get Congress to re-study the trend in the late 1950's but failed to get the job done from the Big Bankers and some so-called Economists that thought a Government could borrow itself into prosperity. HOW STUPIDY--- every since 1953 our Government has been on a STUPIDITY BINGE on the false theory that a Government could borrow itself into prosperity and is now the worst debted Nation in the World and fast declining into a third world nation.

So the facts are that this nation can only have a true growing economy when Agriculture (including hogs) gets 100% of parity for it's RAW Materials that's a gift from God of which amounts to approx. 75 to 80% of NEW WEALTH a year and if it would receive parity what wealth wouldn't Kansas have every year Prof. Flinchbaugh? We are now a Nation that can't GO WEST YOUNG MAN GO WEST so let's face the facts, We need a society that will protect all from GREED. It was controlled from 1942 till 1952 and if we are ever to become again a great Nation we have to go to honest and fair controls with all RAW MATERIALS at 100% of parity.

Amos Chapter five verse 11 in part "You take unjustly from the POOR there wheat". Let's not take unjustly from the poor family farmers there hogs? We didn't have CORPORATE FARMING in 1942 to 1952 and we don't need Corporate farming now.

So to you members of the Senate Agriculture, I know that you can't correct the Nation economy but you can help by doing all you can to help protect the family farmers hog products by not allowing Corporate Hog farming. Thanks for your consideration.

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Attachment 1