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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Eugene Shore at 9:00 a.m. on January 11, 1994 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  
Kay Johnson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Bob Gottschalk, General Manager, Kansas State Fair Board

Chairman Shore called the meeting to order at 9:10am and welcomed committee members back. He stated that in the past the Agriculture Committee has primarily dealt with regulations and he would like to get more involved in policy issues this year.

Hearings opened on **HB 2569**: concerning membership on the Kansas State Fair Board.

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department, explained the bill deals with the composition of the State Fair Board and was drafted as a result of the lawsuit against the State Board of Agriculture and the resulting judges ruling. The intent is to retain the twelve members of the State Board of Agriculture who were automatically members of the State Fair Board until March 1, 1995 or until they are replaced by a permanent board.

Discussion followed. Mr. Gilliland clarified the March 1, 1995 date was selected to allow almost two legislative sessions to deal with the future structure of the State Board of Agriculture. Chairman Shore explained this is an interim measure to facilitate the 1994 State Fair.

Speaking from the audience, Gary Reser, Legislative Liaison, Governor's Office, said Governor Finney does not have a proposal yet on her recommendations for the make-up of the State Fair Board, but could have one ready soon.

Bob Gottschalk, General Manager, Kansas State Fair, answered questions concerning who is on the State Fair Board now and his recommendation to Governor Finney on the future composition of the State Fair Board.

Representative Reinhardt stated a broad representation is important and stressed the value of a lay board over professional bureaucrats.

Representative Rezac said he supports the bill as a good stop-gap measure to ensure smooth operation of the 1994 State Fair.

Representative Freeborn made a motion to pass **HB 2569** favorably . Representative Rutledge seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41am. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 1994.