

Approved: January 19, 1994
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:00 a.m. on January 13, 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
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The Chairperson stated the purpose of the meeting was to get organized, and to briefly review the bills carried over from last year.

The Chairperson announced a hearing is scheduled for January 25, 1994 for SB 72 - creating the dairy marketing advisory board.

The status of the others bills are as follows: SB 302 -relating to the powers and duties of watershed districts. A hearing was held last session and no action was taken. Senator Karr reviewed the background concerning why this legislation was introduced. He reported a major meeting was held in Chase County during the summer regarding this issue. The Watershed people and the Fish and Game People were in attendance. They plan to schedule another meeting to discuss the issue the date will be announced later, and he invited members of the Committee to attend this meeting. He suggested the bill be held for the time being.

SB 305 - relating to leased equipment; concerning liens on personal property. The Chairperson gave a brief review of the bill. He stated a hearing was held last session, and there was opposition from the Kansas Bankers Association.

SB 413 - concerning the Kansas Animal Dealers Act. The Chairperson said this bill had been requested late in the session, and no hearing was held.

HB 2387 - concerning dairy products; relating to the advertisement thereof. Hearings were held last year and no action was taken. The consensus of the Committee seemed to be to do nothing further on this bill.

The Chairperson stated he had requested a bill be introduced concerning the State Board of Agriculture, and it has been assigned to this committee. A member of the Committee recommended if the Agriculture Committee was going to deal with this issue, that the Chairperson request that all bills concerning this issue be transferred to the Agriculture Committee.

There was considerable discussion regarding the corporate farm issue, and it was suggested the Chairperson might want to assign a subcommittee to study the issue. Several members of the Committee suggested it was an issue that needed to be addressed.

The Chairperson announced that January 18 and January 19 meetings will be reserved for requests for bill introductions. He asked Kenneth Wilke, Kansas State Board of Agriculture, to bring any request that the Board had for bill drafts next week. He announced he had a paper written by a student at Washburn regarding the Secretary of Agriculture issue if anyone would like a copy please inform the Committee Secretary.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 1994. The meeting adjourned at 10:40.

GUEST LIST

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