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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:12 a.m. on February 23, 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 McClaflin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Corbin closed the hearing on SB 800 - confined feeding operations defined for water pollution purposes. Committee discussion was opened.

A motion was made by Senator Sallee to adopt the amendments recommended by the Kansas Livestock Association as attached to their testimony of February 22. The motion was seconded by Senator Morris. Motion carried. A motion was made by Senator Sallee that SB 800 be passed as amended. The motion was seconded by Senator Morris. Motion carried.

Committee discussion was opened on SB 85, SB 475, and SB 599 all bills are concerned with the selection process of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture and the selection of the Secretary of Agriculture, and each one spells out a different process.

Committee discussion started with SB 85, but encompassed all of the bills. Some of the comments voiced were: would the make up of the districts give the urban to much control over the rural areas as both areas are important and they each need one another; the issue is to important to agriculture in Kansas to allow it to get into the appointment arena; many Kansans don't even know who their State Board of Education member is, and we do not want this to happen to agriculture; the appointment process seems to be working well for areas like the Board of Regents; need people on the Board to support rural Kansas; it is important not to draw lines making it a rural against urban issue, that would be a disservice to our producers across the state; to do nothing is not a wise decision, as agriculture can gain by being a player, and this committee could be a bridge on this issue; and legislative action would moot the court action.

A motion was made by Senator Wisdom to report SB 85 favorably for passage. Senator Karr seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Chairperson Corbin stated there did not seem to be consensus in the Committee to support any of the Board of Agriculture bills. He requested Staff put together a fact sheet of the different departments at the Department of Agriculture, such as who is in charge of each department, and what is the function of each department. He thought there would be time after the turn around to look at this information.

A draft of Senate Substitute for HB 2569 was distributed. The substitute version would abolish the State Fair Board and establish the Kansas State Fair Board. Staff gave a briefing on the substitute bill. It would reestablish the old fair board for 1994 Fair, and after January 15, 1995, this board would be abolished and a Kansas State Fair Board would be established. The bill spells out how this would be done.

A motion was made by Senator Frahm to amend HB 2569 by substituting a new bill to be designated as Senate Substitute for HB 2569. The motion was seconded by Senator Morris. Motion carried. Senator Frahm than moved the substitute bill be passed. Senator Downey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 1994.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: Senate Agriculture

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