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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:16 a.m. on March 17, 1994 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tillotson who was excused.

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

Chairperson Corbin opened the discussion on HB 2584 - concerning agricultural corporations; relating to corporate dairies. Staff was called on to review the bill.

Discussion centered around how this legislation was drafted and once a county opted in could they opt out.

Senator Frahm moved to amend the election process to allow for the countywide mail ballot, and these changes be made in all of the appropriate sections. The motion was seconded by Senator Wisdom, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Downey to conceptually amend the language on page two in lines 29, by striking all following "a"; by striking all of line 30 and inserting "corporation, trust, limited liability company, limited partnership or corporate partnership, other than a family farm corporation, authorized farm corporation, limited liability agricultural company, limited agricultural partnership, family trust, authorized trust or testamentary trust be allowed to, either directly or indirectly, own, acquire or otherwise obtain or lease any agricultural land in -----county for the purpose of establishing a dairy production facility." The amendment also included clarification language that would appear on the ballot, spelling out what was being voted on, and renaming sections of the bill. Senator Sallee seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion was made by Senator Morris to pass as amended HB 2584. Senator Steffes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Corbin opened the discussion on HB 3012 - creating the dairy marketing advisory board; relating to the powers, duties and functions.

A motion was made by Senator Wisdom to conceptually amend HB 3012 to contain language to allow the board to be established and the bill would contain language spelling out what the duties of the advisory board would be. Also, language stating the advisory board would prepare and submit to the standing committees of the Legislature a report of its findings and recommendations on or before February 1 of each year, and the remaining sections would be renumbered. Senator Steffes seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Wisdom that HB 2584 be passed as amended. The motion was seconded by Senator Steffes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 1994.

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