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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The House and Senate Agriculture Committees met jointly at 9:00 a.m. on January 15, 1998, for a tour of Department of Agriculture inspected facilities.

All members were present except: Representative Freeborn - excused Representative Henry - excused Representative Lloyd - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

The House and Senate Agriculture Committees met jointly for a tour of Department of Agriculture inspected facilities conducted by Secretary Allie Devine and staff. They visited Bowser Meat Processing's plant in Meriden for a presentation on meat inspection, food safety, and HACCP implementation. At Tarwater Farm and Home Supply's fertilizer containment structure in North Topeka the committees learned about fertilizer containment, feed and seed inspection, and pesticide inspection. A presentation on Weights and Measures inspections was also given by Secretary Allie Devine and Department of Agriculture staff.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 1998.