Approved: 3-16-00

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 2000, 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 Nancy Kippes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Holzhuter, Let's Help Paul Johnson, Board Member Kansas Rural Center

Others attending:

(See Attached)

Hearing on:

SCR 1624 - urging Congress to make available additional food aid packages to needy people

John Holzhuter, Let's Help, provided comments about the work Let's Help does for the state of Kansas and emphasizing how important it is to help those in need in a dignified manner as they do with their programs.

Paul Johnson, Board Member Kansas Rural Center, commented on the need to have a serious discussion with our congressional representatives about how well food stamps and basic nutritional programs are being used in Kansas at this point and the continuation of those programs.

Senator Biggs made a motion to add wording "and commodities" to lines 10, 15 and 19 after the words "food aid packages". Senator Umbarger seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Umbarger made a motion to pass favorably as amended SCR 1624. Senator Stephens seconded. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 16, 2000.

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