

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 1:30 p.m. on April 30, 2001, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Faber - absent
Representative Flora - absent

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Discussion on Senate Substitute for Substitute HB 2468 - Animal diseases; quarantine; state of disaster emergency; garbage feeding.

The Committee met to discuss **Senate Substitute for Substitute HB 2468** heard in the joint meeting of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees on April 25, 2001, to address several issues concerning the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Great Britain and elsewhere. The Livestock Commissioner of the Animal Health Department advocated the changes which relate to allowing the Governor to direct officials from other state agencies to assist with any quarantine which may be necessary. Raney Gilliland explained the final version of the bill as passed by the Senate. Senator Derek Schmidt, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, discussed Senate rationale for making the proposed changes and answered committee questions.

Representative Freeborn proposed that the House concur on **Senate Substitute for Substitute HB 2468**. As there was no objection, the Chairman will move to concur with the Senate on this bill.

A copy of a letter from Tommy Irvin, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, to Ann M. Veneman, United States Secretary of Agriculture, concerning banning the feeding of garbage to livestock within the United States was distributed. ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairman Johnson asked Gordon Self to report conference committee progress on **HB 2101**. Mr. Self indicated that the House and Senate are in general agreement on **HB 2101**, but are attempting to include the provisions of **HB 2102**. He reported a general consensus to include the 18-month fuel pump testing provision; to remove the metric system requirement in plans and specifications submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation; and to extend the compliance period for aggregate producers to 2 years. The conference committee's main area of disagreement is the observation of the weighing of contracted product. Copies of a proposed amendment to be presented at the next meeting of the conference committee were distributed. ([Attachment 2](#))

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.