

COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

Date: March 05, 2008 **Place:** Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm

Convened: 3/5/2008 2:15 PM **Recessed:** 3/5/2008 4:00 PM **Reconvened:** 3/5/2008 7:25 PM **Adjourned:** 3/5/2008 9:10 PM

Present: Representatives Mertz-CH, Whitaker-VC, Drake-RM, Davitt, De Boef, Dolecheck, Gayman, Greiner, Huseman, Kuhn, Miller, H., Olson, S., Rayhons, Reasoner, Reichert, Struyk, Swaim, Wenthe, Worthan, Zirkelbach

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Frevert

Chair Mertz called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Chair Mertz called for corrections, amendments, and/or deletions to the previous minutes. As there were none, the minutes were approved.

At 2:20 pm, the Republicans and Democrats went into caucus.

At 3:15 pm, the meeting reconvened.

The following bills were discussed:

HSB 679 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Reichert for opening remarks on HSB 679, a study bill relating to an act providing for a research effort to mitigate odor emitted from livestock operations. Representative Reichert then presented Amendment 201. Following discussion, Representative Kuhn provided opening remarks to Amendment 502 which was an amendment to Amendment 201. Representative Kuhn made closing remarks and moved to adopt Amendment 502. The amendment failed with a voice vote.

Representative Reichert then moved adoption of Amendment 201. The amendment passed with a voice vote.

Chair Mertz recognized Representative Reichert for closing remarks on HSB 679 as amended which he moved to adopt. Roll call was taken and HSB 679 passed 18-2, with one absent. HSB 679 will now move to the floor as a committee bill.

HSB 758 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Wenthe for opening comments on HSB 758, a study bill relating to an act providing for the state interagency Missouri River authority. Following discussion, Representative Wenthe provided final remarks and moved the house study bill. A record roll call was taken and HSB 758 passed 20-0, with one absent. HSB 758 will now move to the floor as a committee bill.

At 4:00 pm, Chair Mertz recessed the meeting with the intent of reconvening following the completion of the last round of committee meetings.

The meeting reconvened at 7:25 pm.

The following bills were assigned to subcommittees:

HSB 769 - Gayman, Chair; Dolecheck; and Frevert
HF 2408 - Reasoner, Chair; Whitaker; and Olson
HF 2445 - Reasoner, Chair; Huseman; and Gayman
HF 2438 - Reasoner, Chair; Greiner; and Reichert
HF 2304 - Drake, Chair; Reichert; Struyk; Wenthe; and Zirkelbach
HF 2459 - Huseman, Chair; Reasoner; and Wenthe

The following bills were discussed:

HSB 699 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Zirkelbach for opening remarks on HSB 699, an act relating to the regulation of transactions involving grain,

by providing for the regulation of grain dealers and warehouse operators, and providing for the administration of the grain indemnity fund. Representative Zirkelbach presented Amendment 501. Following discussion, Representative Zirkelbach moved the amendment. The amendment passed with a voice vote.

Chair Mertz then recognized Representative Kuhn for introduction of Amendment 502. Representative Kuhn provided closing comments and moved the amendment. The amendment passed with a voice vote.

Chair Mertz recognized Representative Zirkelbach for closing remarks on HSB 699 as amended. Representative Zirkelbach then moved the study bill and roll call was taken. HSB 699, as amended, passed 18-2, with one absent and will now pass to the floor as a committee bill.

HSB 746 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Reasoner for opening remarks on HSB 746, a study bill relating to renewable fuel, including by providing for infrastructure associated with storing, blending, and dispensing renewable fuel, modifying tax credits, providing for retroactive applicability, and providing an effective date.

Representative Reasoner presented Amendment 702. Discussion followed. Representative Reasoner provided final comments and moved the amendment. The amendment passed with a voice vote.

Representative Reasoner presented Amendment 701. Discussion followed. Representative Reasoner then moved the amendment. The amendment passed with a voice vote.

Representative Reasoner then presented Amendment 201. As there were no questions or comments, Representative Reasoner moved the amendment. The amendment passed with a voice vote.

Representative Reasoner presented Amendment 301. Following discussion, Representative Reasoner moved the amendment. The amendment passed with a voice vote.

Representative Reasoner presented Amendment 501. As there were no questions or comments, Representative Reasoner moved the amendment. The amendment passed with a voice vote.

Chair Mertz then recognized Representative Reasoner for closing remarks on HSB 746 as amended. Representative Reasoner moved the house study bill with amendments. Roll call was taken and HSB 746 passed 20-0, with one absent. HSB 746 will now move to the floor as a committee bill.

HSB 701 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Reichert for opening remarks on HSB 701. Following discussion, Representative Reichert provided closing comments and moved the study bill. Roll call was taken and HSB 701 passed 17-3, with one absent. HSB 701 will now move to the floor as a committee bill.

HF 2503 - Chair Mertz asked for and received unanimous consent to consider HSB 770 in subcommittee as a whole. Representative Struyk was recognized for consideration of HF 2503, a bill requiring that a person entering into a repurchase contract for the growing of corn seed stock post a special bond. Following discussion, Representative Struyk moved the bill in subcommittee. The bill passed with a voice vote. Representative Struyk asked for unanimous consent to move the bill out of subcommittee to full committee. There were no objections.

Representative Struyk gave opening remarks on HF 2503. Roll call was taken and HF 2503 passed 18-2, with one absent. HF 2503 will now move to the floor as a committee bill.

HSB 770 - Chair Mertz asked for and received unanimous consent to consider HSB 770. Representative Whitaker gave opening remarks. Representative Whitaker then moved the study bill which will be a House Concurrent Resolution. The study bill passed with a voice vote.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Miller moved to arise.

Representative Dolores Mertz

Donna Downey, Committee Secretary