

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on February 6, 2002, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Flora - excused
Representative O'Brien - excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Alan Alderson, Legislative Counsel, Western Association

Others attending: See attached list

Minutes of the January 16, 23, and 28 meetings were distributed. Chairman Johnson asked members to notify the committee secretary of any corrections or additions prior to 5:00 p.m. February 7, or the minutes will be considered approved as presented.

Representative Feuerborn requested introduction of a committee bill concerning agricultural liens filed on statements of harvesting to extend the filing time from 15 days to 30 days after completion of services. Seconded by Representative Thimesch, the motion carried.

Hearing on HB 2660 - Repurchase of machinery, equipment and parts upon termination of dealership franchise agreements.

Alan Alderson, Legislative Counsel, Western Association, appeared in support of **HB 2660** requested by their association to amend the buy-back laws which regulate the obligations of manufacturers of farm equipment, outdoor power equipment, and lawn and garden equipment to repurchase equipment and parts when a dealership contract has been terminated.

Mr. Alderson noted that a large manufacturer had expressed concern with the wording of the bill. The association offered an amendment to limit the exception to items which are "...ordered through the manufacturer,...or wholesale financed by the manufacturer," to make sure the manufacturer was actually a part of the transaction in which the dealer purchased the parts or equipment. (Attachment 1)

As there were no other conferees, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2660**.

Discussion and action on HB 2700 - Regulation of plant pests, plants and plant products and plant dealers and certain agriculture commodities.

Chairman Johnson opened **HB 2700** for discussion and asked Raney Gilliland to review the bill for the committee.

Representative Schwartz offered an amendment to **HB 2700** on page 5, lines 31-34, proposing a maximum fee of \$50 per inspection of a plant, plant product or commodity; deleting the mileage charge; and limiting the certificate fee to \$50. Representative Feuerborn seconded the motion. (Attachment 2)

Following much discussion, Representative Schwartz, with Representative Feuerborn's consent, withdrew her amendment.

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Representative Schwartz offered another amendment to **HB 2700** on page 5, lines 31-34, to limit the inspection fee to \$30 per hour; leave the mileage charge in; and cap the certificate fee at \$50. Seconded by Representative Hutchins, the motion carried.

Representative Freeborn moved to recommend **HB 2700**, as amended, favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. The motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2002.

