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April 15, 1977
8:30 a.m.
Rm. 434
State Capitol Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Day with all members present except Representative Ellerd.

Senator Dover, chief sponsor of SJR 49, explained that he had worked with the Minutemen and they agreed that this was a big problem. Senator Melcher and others said they would stand behind such legislation. The people do not know what the farmers want. The farmers biggest enemy is himself. It is important that we get the farmer to stand by himself. The more money he makes the more money that will be put back into the economy. This resolution suggests a \$3.50 loan price on grain. At the present time the loan price is \$2.25. Also this resolution would have the farmer take out of production 10% of all land used for the production of wheat during 1976. It would be better to have the farmer do this on a volunteer basis rather than let the government tell them to do it later. This is the best direction to go to get money back into the economy.

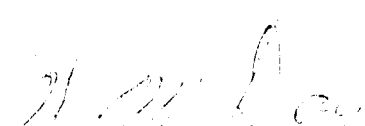
Representative Johnston asked if there was any objection to including export substances? Senator Dover stated he would rather go with Melcher and leave the resolution the way it is.

Representative Gunderson questioned the excluding of grasses used for the production of hay. He felt the wording was not right for the meaning of the resolution. The language was poorly worded in this bill.

After a short discussion the committee suggested amending the bill in different ways. Senator Dover said the bill may not be able to pass through with the time left this session if it were amended. The committee decided to let the bill pass as is, to assure its approval before final adjournment.

Representative Gunderson moved SJR 49, be concurred in. It was seconded by Representative Johnston. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.


William M. Day, Chairman