



AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes for February 12, 2019

Chair Koehler called the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee to order at 9:08 A.M. A quorum was present.

Chair Koehler moved to appoint Representative Brent as Ranking Member and Secretary of the committee. Representative Brent was appointed without objection.

Chair Koehler moved to establish the standing rules for the committee.

The following rules were established:

a. Members of Committee

Members shall at all times conduct themselves with courtesy and respect for the public, the Chairman, members of the committee, and staff, and shall discharge their duties in accordance with the high public trust placed in them.

b. Attendance

1. Members shall make a good faith effort to be in attendance for the duration of all committee meetings.
2. Members who anticipate absence shall submit a letter requesting to be excused from committee at least two hours prior to the scheduled committee hearing.
3. Members may "check-in" to committee but must do so in person, and before the Clerk begins the attendance roll call.

c. Rules of Decorum

1. All discussion in committee shall be through the Chairman, including questions.
2. No person may take photos, video, or audio recordings during any committee hearing without explicit advance approval from the Chair's office. If any person wishes to take any photographs, video, or audio recordings during meetings of this committee, they must complete the "Media Request Form" on page 3 of this document and submit it to the Chair's office with due haste.
3. Members of the committee and the public must use wireless devices in a considerate and respectful manner during proceedings
4. No posters, placards, banners or signs shall be carried into any committee hearing
5. Any applause, outburst, or demonstration during committee is prohibited

d. Rules of Testimony

1. Prior to testifying, all individuals must fill out a "Witness Information Form" and submit it to the Chair's office. The only exception to this rule will be employees of the Legislative Service Commission specifically assigned to this committee.
2. Testimony Protocol

When testimony is called by the Chair, those wishing to provide testimony shall line up behind the podium – no more than 3 individuals shall stand at any time.
3. Individuals who are providing redundant testimony will be asked to speak in a group, or in an abridged manner for the consideration of all those in the audience.

Committee adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

Representative Koehler, Chair

Representative Brent, Secretary

Cc: House Clerk
Committee Clerk
Assistant Majority Floor Leader's Office
Bill Sponsor
LSC
Minority Leader's Office

Committee Members
Speaker's Office
Caucus Staff
Legislative Information Systems
Press Room