## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Representative Steve Wenzel, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, called the twenty-sixth meeting to order at 1:57 P.M. on Thursday, October 15, 1987 in Room 5 of the State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The clerk noted the roll.

## Members present:

Wenzel, Chairman
Nelson, Vice Chair
Bauerly
Bertram
Brown
Cooper
Dauner
Dille
Frederick
Hugoson
Kalis
Krueger
McDonald

McPherson Olson, E. Olson, K. Omann Quist Redalen Richter

Steensma Tunheim Uphus Waltman Winter

## Members excused:

DeBlieck Quist Sparby

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Representative Steensma moved adoption of the minutes from September 11, 1987. The  ${\color{red}MOTION\_PREVAILED}$ .

Dr. Rollin Dennistoun, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, updated the committee on the Fair Dairy Trade Practices Act. He made a presentation regarding the status of agricultural legislation passed last session and gave the department legislative agenda for next session.

Mike Hatch, Commissioner of Commerce, spoke on the 1987 Family Farm Assistance Act and the Farm Loan Interest Buydown Program, number of participating lenders per county and applications per county, applications by crop reporting districts, and applications by borrower county. also gave statistics as of December 31, 1985, 1986, September 30, 1987. Commissioner Hatch was assisted by Rochelle Bergin, Director of Interest Buydown Program in the Department of Commerce.

Question and answer period followed report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08.

Mary Ann Goschy, clerk

Steve Wenzel, Chairman