

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 1133

By: Laughlin of the Senate

and

Davis of the House

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An Act relating to agriculture; creating a legislative advisory task force to study the discriminatory practices and monopolization of the livestock market; providing powers and duties; requiring report; providing for quorum and staffing; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created an advisory task force to study whether or not discriminatory practices and monopolization of the livestock market in Oklahoma exists.

B. The advisory task force shall consist of four members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members to be appointed by the Governor, with one member representing the largest cattlemen's organization in the state, two members representing each of the two largest farm organizations in the state and one member representing the largest grain and feed organization in the state.

C. The advisory task force shall be in effect from June 1, 2000, to February 1, 2001. The advisory task force shall hold an organizational meeting no later than September 15, 2000, for the

purpose of electing a chair and co-chair from among its members and determining the course of action of the task force.

D. 1. The advisory task force shall investigate and study the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, including but not limited to, enforcement of such Act at the state and local level. The task force shall also consider whether changes in state law should be made to reduce or eliminate the concentration and monopolization that may be occurring in the livestock market or to otherwise provide for more competitive livestock markets.

2. The task force shall prepare a report during the last three (3) months of its existence.

3. The report shall be transmitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon completion, but no later than February 1, 2001.

E. 1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses from the house in which they serve, as provided in Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except when the Legislature is in session and the meeting is held in Oklahoma City.

2. Members of the task force who are not legislators of the state shall be reimbursed by the Legislative Services Bureau in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. A majority of the members appointed to the advisory task force shall constitute a quorum, and a majority present may act for the task force.

G. Legislative staff shall assist members of the advisory task force in duties pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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