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1 THE STATE SENATE  
2 Thursday, February 17, 2000

3 Committee Substitute for  
4 Senate Bill No. 888

5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 888 - By: MUEGGE of the  
6 Senate and CORN of the House.

7 An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Task Force on  
8 Agriculture Seed Banks; providing for membership of Task  
9 Force; providing for appointment of chairperson and vice-  
10 chairperson; providing for meetings; providing for  
11 reimbursement for certain travel expenses; providing for  
12 staff support; setting forth duties of Task Force; requiring  
13 certain report; providing for termination of Task Force;  
14 providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

18 A. There is hereby created the Task Force on Agriculture Seed  
19 Banks.

20 B. The Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) members to be  
21 appointed by July 1, 2000, as follows:

22 1. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint seven members as  
23 follows:

24 a. four members of the State Senate, and

25 b. three members representing the seed industry; and

26 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
27 five members as follows:

1           a.    four members of the House of Representatives, and  
2           b.    the Dean of the Division of Agriculture of Oklahoma  
3                    State University or designee; and

4           3.    The Chairperson of the House Agriculture Committee; and

5           4.    The Chairperson of the Senate Agriculture and Rural  
6    Development Committee; and

7           5.    The Secretary of Agriculture or designee.

8           C.    The chairperson of the Task Force shall be appointed by the  
9    President Pro Tempore of the Senate and shall be one of the  
10   appointees of the President Pro Tempore. The vice-chairperson of  
11   the Task Force shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
12   Representatives and shall be one of the appointees of the Speaker.

13          D.    The Task Force shall meet at such times and places as it  
14   deems necessary to perform its duties as specified in this section.  
15   Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. A majority of the  
16   members serving on the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

17          E.    Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for necessary  
18   travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as  
19   follows:

20          1.    Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by  
21   their appointing authorities for their necessary travel expenses  
22   incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with

1 Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes from the  
2 legislative body which they serve;

3 2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed  
4 by their appointing authorities for necessary travel expenses  
5 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the  
6 State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

7 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be reimbursed by the  
8 State Department of Agriculture for necessary travel expenses  
9 incurred in the performance of duties in accordance with the State  
10 Travel Reimbursement Act.

11 F. The Oklahoma State Senate and the House of Representatives  
12 shall provide such staff support as is required by the Task Force.

13 G. It shall be the duty of the Task Force to develop  
14 recommendations relating to the operation of a state seed bank to  
15 provide facilities for the processing and storage of adequate  
16 supplies of high-quality seed necessary to protect the genetic  
17 integrity and diversity of plant species.

18 H. The Task Force shall develop recommendations relating to  
19 agriculture seed banks and shall submit a report to the Governor,  
20 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
21 of Representatives no later than January 31, 2001. The Task Force  
22 shall be terminated as of March 1, 2001.

1           SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
6 dated 2-14-00 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.