

**AGENDA**  
**(Revised 5/23/17 @ 1:07 pm**  
**Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development**  
**House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Hot Springs Convention Center, Room 209, 134 Convention Blvd**  
**Hot Springs, Arkansas**

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Sen. Ronald Caldwell, Chair  
Sen. John Cooper, Vice Chair  
Sen. Jonathan Dismang  
Sen. Jane English  
Sen. Bruce Maloch  
Sen. Eddie Cheatham  
Sen. Blake Johnson  
Sen. David Wallace

Rep. Dan M. Douglas, Chair  
Rep. David Hillman, Vice Chair  
Rep. Stephen Meeks  
Rep. Lane Jean  
Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd  
Rep. David L. Branscum  
Rep. Bruce Cozart  
Rep. Scott Baltz  
Rep. Mark D. McElroy  
Rep. Stephen Magie

Rep. Ken Bragg  
Rep. David Whitaker  
Rep. Ron McNair  
Rep. Mary Bentley  
Rep. Rick Beck  
Rep. Dan Sullivan  
Rep. Karilyn Brown  
Rep. Mathew W. Pitsch  
Rep. Jack Fortner  
Rep. Fred Allen

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A. Call to Order / Remarks

1. Senator Ronald Caldwell, Co-Chairman
2. Representative Dan Douglas, Co-Chairman

B. Consideration to Approve December 15, 2016, Meeting Minutes **[EXHIBIT B]**

C. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Senate and House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committees **[EXHIBIT C]**

D. Update on Arkansas Agriculture

- Mr. Wes Ward, Secretary of Agriculture, Arkansas Agriculture Department

E. Update on Local Food Programs

1. Dr. Ron Rainey, Professor and Extension Economist, Division of Agriculture, University of Arkansas
2. Dr. Jackie Lee, Associate Professor and Extension Horticulture Specialist, Division of Agriculture, University of Arkansas
3. Mr. Wes Ward, Secretary of Agriculture, Arkansas Agriculture Department

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F. Update on Recent Flooding in Arkansas

1. Dr. Victor Ford, Interim Associate Director of Cooperative Extension, Division of Agriculture, University of Arkansas
2. Dr. Jarrod Hardke, Associate Professor and Extension Rice Specialist, Division of Agriculture, University of Arkansas
3. Mr. Wes Ward, Secretary of Agriculture, Arkansas Agriculture Department

G. Other Business

H. Adjournment