

**MINUTES****SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****Meeting Jointly****Thursday, November 30, 2023****10:00 AM****Little Rock Marriott, Arkansas Ballroom, 3 Statehouse Plaza****Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senators Ronald Caldwell, Chair; Matt Stone, Vice-Chair; Breanne Davis, Ben Gilmore; Representatives Roger D. Lynch, Vice-Chair; Cameron Cooper, Denise Garner, Delia J. Haak, Steve Hollowell, Ron McNair, Chad Puryear, Matthew J. Shepherd, DeAnn Vaught, Danny Watson, and Carlton Wing

Other members present: Senators Steve Crowell, Jonathan Dismang, Clarke Tucker; Representatives Frances Cavanaugh, Tippi McCullough, Chad Puryear, Joy Springer, and Les Warren

Senator Caldwell called the meeting to order.

**Consideration to Approve Meeting Minutes [Exhibit D]**

Without objection, the motion passed.

**Discussion of Poultry Feed Mill**

Dr. Deacue Fields, Vice President of Agriculture, University of Arkansas, discussed the benefits of having a poultry feed mill for the department.

**Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) [Exhibit F1-F2]**

Representative Haak made a motion to adopt ISP 2023-017, seconded by Representative Puryear, and the motion carried. Representative Vaught made a motion to adopt ISP 2023-096, seconded by Representative Garner, the motion carried.

**Adoption and Discussion of ISP 2023-095 by Representative Charlene Fite – To study the development of a strategy to incentivize long-term development of film and television production within the state of Arkansas [Exhibit G1-G2]**

Wade Rivers, Writer; Brandon Chase Goldsmith, Executive Director, Fort Smith International Film Festival; Graham Gordy, Film Producer; Sarah Tackett, Casting Director; gave an overview of the impact of the film industry to local economies. Representative Vaught made a motion to adopt ISP 2023-095, seconded by Representative Garner, the motion carried.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.