REPORT OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

July 7, 2017

Senator Sample and Representative Branscum:

The Senate and House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Committees met on Friday, July 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., Room A, MAC, Little Rock, Arkansas. The committees heard testimony to discuss the following:

- An emergency rule by the Arkansas State Plant Board regarding a ban on the sale and use of Dicamba.

Testimony was presented by Mr. Terry Walker, Director, Arkansas State Plant Board; Dr. Ford Baldwin, Professor Emeritus, University of Arkansas; Mr. Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture; Dr. Mark Cochran, Vice President, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture; and Arkansas farmers.

The committees adopted a motion to recommend the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council approve the emergency rule by the Arkansas State Plant Board regarding the ban on the sale and use of Dicamba.

Submitted by:

Senator Ronald Caldwell, Chair

Representative Dan Douglas, Chair