

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Schwartz at 3:30pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Ewy – Excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department

Shirley Jepson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Natalie Scott, Office of Revisor of Statutes

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dr. Bill Brown, State Animal Health Commissioner, Department of Agriculture

Jennifer Stone, Lawrence Humane Society

Del Dellere, Occupational Therapist

Courtney Thomas, Great Plains SPA

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Hearing on: SB189 — Creating an institutional license to practice veterinary medicine.**

Chair Schwartz opened the hearing on **SB189**.

David Wiese, Revisor, explained the bill, noting that the bill is identical to **HB2305**, which had a hearing on February 19, 2015, and was recommended favorably for passage on February 20, 2015 ([Attachment 1](#)).

Proponents:

Dr. Bill Brown, State Animal Health Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, appeared before the Committee in support of **SB189** ([Attachment 2](#)). Dr. Brown explained that the bill proposes the creation of an institutional license for persons practicing veterinary medicine on client-owned animals at a school of veterinary medicine within the state, allowing those individuals to obtain a full veterinary license, or an institutional license.

There were no other conferees to come before the Committee, either proponents, neutrals or opponents.

The hearing on **SB189** was closed.

**Discussion & action on:**

*Representative Sloan moved to suspend the House rules and take action on **SB189**. Motion seconded by Representative Trimmer. Motion carried on unanimous vote.*

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Representative Sloan moved to amend **SB189** by amending the language of **HB2364** into **SB189**. Motion seconded by Representative Trimmer. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Sloan moved to recommend **SB189** as amended favorable for passage. Motion seconded by Representative Hibbard. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Hearing on: HB2175 — Prohibit use of carbon monoxide chambers for euthanizing dogs and cats.**

Natalie Scott, Revisor, provided an explanation of **HB2175**, noting that the bill would amend provisions within the Pet Animal Act by disallowing the use of carbon monoxide chambers to euthanize dogs and cats ([Attachment 3](#)).

Proponents:

Jennifer Stone, Lawrence Humane Society, provided testimony in support of **HB2175** ([Attachment 4](#)). Ms. Stone noted that the Lawrence Humane Society supports the banning of the use of carbon monoxide chambers for euthanasia of dogs and cats. Ms. Stone felt that the use of these chambers is inhumane and provides more stress on the animals; noting that the use of injection is a more calming and humane manner.

Del Dellere, Occupational Therapist, provided testimony in support of **HB2175** ([Attachment 5](#)).

Courtney Thomas, Great Plains SPA, provided testimony in support of **HB2175** ([Attachment 6](#)).

Written testimony in support of **HB2175** was received from:

Dr. Bill Brown, Department of Agriculture ([Attachment 7](#))

Midge Grinstead, The Humane Society of the U.S. ([Attachment 8](#))

Kate Meghji, Executive Director, Lawrence Humane Society ([Attachment 9](#))

Carla Lewis, President, Kansas Animal Control Association ([Attachment 10](#))

Lea Ann Eichem, Paws to Love ([Attachment 11](#))

Crystal Swann Blackdeer, President, LCHS, Inc. ([Attachment 12](#))

Sharon Berry, President, Atchison Citizens Against Animal Abuse ([Attachment 13](#))

Tess Goodman, Chair, Wichita Animal Action League ([Attachment 14](#))

Bette Lessen, Arma City Clerk ([Attachment 15](#))

Maureen Cummins, Pet Animal Advisory Board ([Attachment 16](#))

Judy Carman, Co-founder, Animal Outreach of Kansas ([Attachment 17](#))

Jennifer O'Driscoll, Cat Clinic of Lawrence ([Attachment 18](#))

Dr. Susan Krebsbach, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association ([Attachment 19](#))

There were no other proponents, neutrals or opponents to appear before the Committee.

The hearing on **HB2175** was closed.

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**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 11, 2015.