

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE, LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Hutton at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 04, 2016, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Gene Suellentrop – Excused

Committee staff present:

Linda Herrick, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dr. Ron Trewyn, Assistant to the President and NBAF Liaison, Kansas State University,
Manhattan, Kansas

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

There were no bill introductions.

Presentation on: National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), KSU

Dr. Ron Trewyn, Assistant to the President and National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) Liaison, Kansas State University (KSU), gave a presentation ([Attachment 1](#)) on NBAF at KSU, Manhattan.

The \$1.25 billion lab's mission will be to protect U.S. livestock from foreign animal diseases (FADs) including Zoonotic (animals to/from people) threats. The purpose will be to safeguard food animal health and public health, preserving America's food supply and agricultural economy.

The lab construction will be completed by December 2020, and the transition from Plum Island will be August 2023.

The facility will involve government, industry, and the university. Two office park buildings will be available for leasing to businesses working closely with NBAF.

Dr. Trewyn stood for questions. Representative Kleeb asked about the return on investment to the state for the money invested. Dr. Trewyn indicated global companies have been contacting him. The facility is also attracting local companies. Over 400 people will be employed. In May, a summit is scheduled on NBAF to attract businesses. The first summit was held in June 2015.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 04, 2016 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

Chairperson Hutton thanked Dr. Trewyn for the presentation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.