

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jacob LaTurner at 10:30 am on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer – Excused

Senator Tom Holland – Excused

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Connie Burns, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Josh Roe, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Philip Bradley, Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Association

Dean Reynoldson, Alcoholic Beverage Control

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Introduction of bills

Senator LaTurner requested a bill introduction concerning sales tax exemption for mobility equipment.

Senator LaTurner moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 217 Allowing farm wineries to sell wine at more than one farmers' market.

Vice-Chairman LaTurner opened the hearing on **SB 217**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Josh Roe, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture, appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) The bill would allow a farm winery to sell at a farmers market upon notification to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and payment of a \$25 fee for the annual farmers market sales permit. This will provide a positive economic benefit to the 33 registered farmers markets and 37 farm wineries located in the state.

Philip Bradley, Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Association, (KVFWA) testified in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) The KVFWA believes the measure continues to elevate and promote Kansas as a wonderful wine state. Mr. Bradley provided the committee with a current list of permits for Farm

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Wineries, Farm Winery Outlets, and Farmers' Market.

Dean Reynoldson, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control, addressed questions and concerns from the committee.

Vice-Chairman LaTurner closed the hearing on **SB 217**.

The next meeting is scheduled February 25, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.