

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture

The meeting was called to order by Senator Allen at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~^{XX} on March 4, 1985 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Department

Conferees appearing before the committee: Don Jacka, Assistant Secretary, State Board
of Agriculture
Larry Woodson, Director, Division of Inspections
State Board of Agriculture
Archie Hurst, Dairy Commissioner, State Board
of Agriculture

Senator Allen called the committee to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced the committee would be hearing four bills requested by the State Board of Agriculture; also the committee will have two extra meetings this week, one at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday and the other at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday. The two major bills for action will be SB 172 and SB 300.

Senator Allen called on Don Jacka, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Jacka introduced Larry Woodson, Director of the Division of Inspections to explain SB 287. Mr. Woodson explained the purpose of the Soil Amendment Act is to offer consumer protection to the farmers from the sale and distribution of products for which the value or the usefulness has not been demonstrated. (see attachment A).

Larry Woodson then requested the passage of SB 328. The bill concerns the Kansas meat and poultry inspection act, relating to the meat of the buffalo. Mr. Woodson reported his department is now inspecting buffalo meat but this bill would give the department the legal authority to inspect the meat.

Archie Hurst, Dairy Commissioner, expressed the desire to have SB 329 passed. He explained the dairy bill related to inspection and regulatory services and defining the term "adulterated".

Larry Woodson requested the committee recommend SB 337 for passage. He explained it was a bill authorizing the issuance of stop sale orders; if passed this bill would give the Board of Agriculture legal authority to a stop sale on a product that is not registered or is not a quality product.

Senator Allen declared the hearings completed and ask the committee return to SB 287 for committee action. After committee discussion, Senator Allen requested Jim Wilson prepare a balloon form for the Soil Amendment Act before the committee vote on the bill.

The committee next took action on SB 328. Senator Gannon made a motion the committee recommend the bill to the Senate favorably for passage and that it be placed on the consent calendar. Senator Karr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next bill for action was SB 329. Senator Montgomery made a motion the committee recommend the bill favorably to the Senate for passage. Senator Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next the committee took action on SB 337. Senator Warren moved the committee recommend the bill favorably for passage. Senator Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee began discussion on SB 300. Concerns were expressed about sec. 4 of this bill. Senator Norvell made a motion to delete new wording and return sec. 4 to present wording in the law. Senator Doyen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Action on SB 300 will continue at a later committee meeting.

Senator Arasmith announced the subcommittee on SB 289 would meet in the afternoon of 1 at 3:30 p.m. in room 529-S.

Senator Allen declared the committee meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Testimony
Provided Before The
Senate Agricultural Committee
by
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Soil Amendment Act

The purpose of the Soil Amendment Act is to offer consumer protection to the farmers from the sale and distribution of products for which the value or the usefulness has not been demonstrated.

The proposed amendment regarding "no claims" is intended to cover products which circumvent the current law by making "no claims". This language is consistent with the Uniform Soil Amendment Bill as published by the American Association of Plant Food Officials.

We would respectfully request that the Committee consider the following definitions that we feel will enhance the enforcement of this Act.

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attachment A