

Approved January 28, 1992
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Sen. Don Montgomery at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m./p.m. on January 22, 1992 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Sen. Lee

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Shirley Higgins, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sue Peterson, Kansas State University
Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association

The Chairman began the meeting with a review of bills heldover in committee from last year.

SB 78 - Concerning animal dealers; transferring the powers and duties of the livestock commissioner to the Department of Health and Environment. The chairman noted that there is a possibility that someone still wants this bill, therefore, it was decided that the bill should be held in committee to avoid the expense of printing if an interest was again expressed.

SB 130 - Concerning Kansas State University agricultural experiment stations; establishing the agricultural experiment stations capital improvements fund. Sen. Doyen noted that there is a definite need for improvement and funds to do so, therefore, the bill was held in committee for further consideration.

SB 175 - Amending the farm animal and research facilities protection act. The chairman felt it was appropriate to report the bill adversely. Sen. Doyen made a motion to report SB 175 unfavorable for passage, Sen. Frahm seconded, and the motion carried.

SB 219 - Establishing procedures and standards for the outdoor application of pesticides by certain persons by powered equipment. Sen. Brady informed the committee that he may have a request that the bill be heard, therefore, the bill was held in committee.

SB 404 - Concerning retail food stores; authorizing the secretary of health and environment to fix, charge and collect an inspection fee for the inspection of such stores. Sen. Doyen stated that such funds are needed to generate revenue to fund Health and Environment. The bill was held for further discussion.

SB 415 - Concerning the Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Center; making certain peer review information confidential. Sue Peterson, representing Kansas State University, informed the committee that similar legislation was passed for the veterinary association last year and requested a hearing on SB 415. The chairman set a hearing for Wednesday, January 29.

SB 431 - Concerning animals; relating to the licensure of certain persons dealing in animals; creating the Kansas companion animal advisory board; creating the animal dealers fee fund. After a brief discussion of the bill, Sen. Brady made a motion to report the bill unfavorable for passage, Sen. Sallee seconded, and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 423-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m. ~~PM~~ on January 22, 1992

SB 434 - Concerning animals; relating to the licensure of certain persons dealing in animals; creating the Kansas companion animal advisory board; authorizing the commissioner to register certificates of inspection; relating to fees; repealing the requirement of hobby kennel operator registration. It was the consensus of the committee that the bill be reported adversely. Sen. Brady made a motion to report SB 434 unfavorable for passage, Sen. Frahm seconded, and the motion carried.

Sue Peterson, Kansas State University, requested the introduction of a bill regarding spaying and neutering animals by junior surgery students at the university. It would resolve a conflict with the Companion Animal Act passed last session in that it would clarify that students could perform the procedure at the university veterinary center under the direction of a faculty licensed veterinarian. Sen. Frahm made a motion to introduce the bill, Sen. Harder seconded, and the motion carried.

Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association, requested the introduction of a bill dealing with quarantine violations in regard to contagious diseases of livestock. He related an incident involving the spread of brucellosis which called his organization's attention to the need for a quarantine violation to be changed from a misdemeanor, with a penalty, to a Class E felony with the thought that a low grade felony might defer the extended damage this violation could cause. Sen. Doyen made a motion for the introduction of the bill, Sen. Daniels seconded, and the motion carried.

Sen. Doyen requested that the bill regarding the Sheep Commission, which was passed last year but vetoed, be reintroduced, Sen. Harder seconded, and the motion carried.

The chairman requested that staff review upcoming agendas which is as follows: January 28, update on FACTS program; January 29, hearing on SB 415; January 30, agricultural research needs presentation. The following week, February 4, presentation on K-State Agricultural Experimentation Stations; February 5, presentation by Board of Agriculture on the current condition of agriculture in Kansas; and February 6, K-State Cooperative Extension Service report. Also, the chairman noted that Sen. Lee has a group wishing to appear before the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

