

Approved February 18, 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 February 13, 1992 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Harder and Daniels

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Roger Fingland, Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine
Marcia Gitelman, Helping Hands Humane Society, Inc.
Senator Lana Oleen
Senator Janice McClure

The chairman acknowledged a group of nursing students visiting the committee.

SB 528 - Concerning animals; relating to spaying or neutering dogs and cats.

Dr. Roger Fingland, D.V.M., Kansas State University, testified in support of the bill. He agreed to submit written testimony at a later date. Dr. Fingland explained that in the past laboratory procedures were taught on dogs who were then put asleep until it was decided that this was not appropriate. However, this left them with the problem of teaching students surgery. The school then began using animals from area humane societies for labs which enabled the students to watch as an animal recovered from surgery. This is advantageous both to the students who are able to learn what happens after surgery and to the animals who are able to be helped. But it was discovered that only a licensed veterinary could perform surgery, therefore, SB 528, was suggested to allow the use of humane society animals in a teaching lab, specifying that it be done only under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinary of Kansas State University.

The chairman asked how the costs are recovered. Dr. Fingland answered that the school charges \$35 for male dogs and \$45 for female dogs, only for animals that are adopted. The chairman asked further if the school selects the dogs used for surgery. Dr. Fingland said the school takes whatever the humane society sends, and the societies have done an excellent job in sending adoptable dogs and rarely have pure bred animals.

Marcia Gitelman, Helping Hands Humane Society, Inc., followed with further testimony in support of SB 528. (Attachment 1).

Sen. Lana Oleen also testified in support of the bill. She has visited the lab at K-State where surgery was being performed and informed the committee that the animals are well cared for. She noted that with this kind of system, vets can learn how to bring animals back to recovery, and she sees this as a good educational experience for Kansas State veterinary students.

Sen. Webb made a motion to recommend SB 528 favorable for passage.

The chairman called the committee's attention to lines 33, 34 and 35 of the bill which limits it to K-State. He also noted that the Kansas Veterinary Society supports the bill.

Sen. McClure seconded Sen. Webb's motion, and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

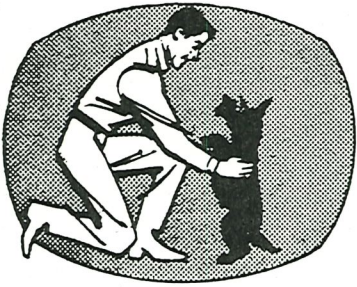
MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
room 423-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 13, 1992

Sen. Janice McClure requested the introduction of a bill to change the grain sorghum assessment levy from three mills to five mills. (Attachment 2).

Sen. McClure made a motion for the introduction of the bill, Sen. Francisco seconded, and the motion carried.

The minutes of February 6 were approved.

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



Helping Hands Humane Society, Inc.

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February 13, 1992

TO: Senator Montgomery and Senate Agriculture
Committee members

RE: SB 528

The Helping Hands Humane Society would like to voice it's support for SB 528. The HHHS participated in a spay/neuter program with Kansas State University last semester, which began before we were alerted to the limitations of veterinary students who would sterilize a shelter owned animal.

This program was very beneficial to our shelter, the animals, and the veterinary students at Kansas State University. We were able to find homes for animals who otherwise would not have been adopted had they not been sterilized. Having the surgery done at K-State was less cost prohibitive for the new owner.

I visited the University and observed surgery preparation, the surgery itself, and the recovery of the animals. The professionalism and concern for the animals exhibited by both the staff and students were impressive. The care that the animals received was beyond reproach.

Please vote in favor of this bill so that we may continue to participate in this program with the veterinary students as Kansas State University.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Gitelman

Marcia Gitelman
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*Senate Agriculture
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Attachment 1*

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DATE: February 10, 1992
TO: Agriculture Committee Chairman
FROM: Senator Janice McClure
RE: Bill Request

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Agriculture
Committee:

I wish to make a request for a committee bill which
would amend K.S.A. 2-3007 to change the grain sorghum
assessment levy from three mills to five mills.

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Attachment 2*