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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:10 a.m. on January 24, 1995 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Quorum was present.

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes  
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Forrest St. Aubin, Director of Plant Health, Department of Agriculture  
John Kabus, County Weed Directors Association  
Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association  
Jeff Ebert, Kansas Sheep Association

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Corbin called for action on the minutes of the January 23, 1995 meeting. Senator Clark moved that the minutes be adopted. Senator Steffes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Forrest St. Aubin presented his report on the responsibilities and duties of the Plant Health Department, and the vision and future goals of the Department. His testimony is included with (Attachment 1) of the minutes of January 23. He responded to questions.

Chairperson Corbin asked Mr. St. Aubin if he would come back at a later date to discuss the Delaware Basin situation and give an update on the two year voluntary program to control atrazine. Mr St. Aubin said he would be glad to come at another time to discuss this and he would bring Dale Lambley, who has been involved in the program. Also, he responded to questions regarding the Hillsdale Project in the Kansas City area

Staff reviewed three bill drafts that had been requested by the County Weed Directors Association. She said all of the bills relate to the noxious weeds statutes. The first draft relates to sericea lespedeza, and would make sericea lespedeza a noxious weed and would not allow this to be declared by county option. Senator Morris moved to accept the request and that a bill be introduced. Senator Downey seconded the motion. The motion carried. The second bill draft would allow the county weed officers to seize or quarantine noxious weed seeds on noxious weed plant, and it also allows for a change in the fine structure. The third part deals with removing the percentages that are set forth in current statute.

John Kafus, Shawnee County Weed Director, representing the County Weed Directors Association explained the current procedure and why they have ask for the proposed changes in the statutes. He said the current procedure makes in difficult for counties to recovery their monies when they must go in and treat noxious weeds on private property. Senator Clark moved to accept the request and that a bill be introduced. Senator Karr seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Third request from the County Weed Directors would change the date that their annual infestation survey report is due to the State Board each year, and change the language and the procedure for notifying the public of what weeds are considered noxious weeds for that year. Senator Karr moved to accept the request and a bill be introduced. Senator Tillotson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mike Beam presented recommendations regarding the Kansas Animal Health Department . The recommendations are: (1) changes in livestock remedies registration statutes; (2) establish fee for issuance of health certificates; and (3) provide authority to license and collect fees from satellite auctions (Attachment 1). Senator Sallee moved to accept the request and that a bill be introduced. Senator Morris Seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, Room 423-S Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m. on January 24, 1995.

Jeff Ebert, requested a bill be introduced to revise the state law pertaining to the lamb checkoff administered by the Kansas Sheep Council (Attachment 2). Senator Morris moved to accept the request and a bill be drafted. Senator Sallee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairperson Corbin reported that Tom Tunnell, Kansas Feed and Grain Association, had invited the Senate Agriculture Committee to be their guests for a trip to the Kansas City Board of Trade on February 3. Members of the Committee are to advise the Committee Secretary if they are available to go. He also, announced the report from the Dairy Marketing Advisory Board is available for review, due to scheduling conflicts we will not be able to hear the report in committee until February 9,

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 1995.

# SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: 1-24-95

NAME	REPRESENTING
MAX FOSTER	KS. DEPT. of AG. - LAB
JEFF EBERT	KANSAS SHEEP ASSO.
Anne Spiess	Ks. Assoc. of Counties
JOHN KABUS	CO. WEED DIRECTORS ASSOC.
Arlan Holmes	Division of Budget
CHARLIE GRIFFIN	Ks. Dept of Ag - FACTS
T.J. Byram	Ks Dept of Ag - STATS
Tom Bruno	Allen & Assoc
FORREST ST. AUBIN	KS DEPT OF AG - PLANT HEALTH
Kenneth M. Wilke	Ks Dept of Agriculture
LARRY D. WOODSON	Ks DEPT OF Ag.
Jamie Clover Adams	KS Fertilizer & Chemical Ass'n
Chris Wilson	KS Ag Aviation Ass'n
Mike Beam	Ks. Luth. Assn.
George Teagarden	Ks Animal Health Dept
Bill Fuller	Ks. Farm Bureau

**Overview of Legislation Implementing KLA Proposals**

**regarding**

**Kansas Animal Health Department**

**I. Changes in Livestock Remedies Registration Statutes(KSA 47-501to515)**

- Broaden definition of remedy to include pharmaceuticals and veterinary biologics (Oregon law).
- Exempt products labeled for feed use.
- Exempt products labeled for pets (dogs, cats, etc.)
- Establish new statutory registration fee at \$100 annually.
- Fee collected by Department of Agriculture (DOA).
- Twelve dollars of fee to DOA and \$88 to Kansas Animal Health Dept.
- Authority for Livestock Remedies law to remain with DOA.

**II. Establish Fee for Issuance of Health Certificates**

- Provide statutory fee of \$100/book for purchase of Animal Health Certificate books by veterinarians. (50 certificates/book)
- Require that certificates must be those provided by KAHD.
- Authorize KAHD to establish certificate form for youth shows/sales and that such certificates may be sold at cost.

**III. Provide Authority to License and Collect Fees from Satellite Auctions.**

- Amendments to livestock market definition should be made to include satellite auction markets who consign livestock in Kansas.
- Satellite markets, doing business in Kansas, should be licensed by KAHD and Kansas livestock should be assessed like livestock consigned to auction markets.

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*Attachment 1*

January 24, 1995

Comments from Jeff Ebert, President, Kansas Sheep Association  
To The Senate Agriculture Committee

Good morning Senator Corbin and members of the agriculture committee. I am Jeff Ebert, president of the Kansas Sheep Association.

The Kansas Sheep Association requests a revision of the state law pertaining to the lamb checkoff administered by the Kansas Sheep Council. We are asking that the entire Section 47-2008 of Article 20 be deleted.

The reason for our request is that when the bill was originally approved by the state legislature, the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) assured us that state checkoffs would be grand fathered into a national bill, if one was passed. However, this is not the case.

With the vote on a national checkoff scheduled for the fall of 1995, Kansas could lose the benefit of our state checkoff. Under current estimates, Kansas would receive approximately \$25,000 annually from the national checkoff, administered by ASI. Currently our state checkoff generates about \$40,000.

The Kansas Sheep Association appreciates your time and consideration of this request. I would be happy to answer questions.

Thank you.

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(Attachment 2)*