

Approved: 2-15-95
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:08 a.m. on February 14, 1995 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All members were present

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The minutes of the meeting of February 13 were distributed. Chairperson Corbin called for the adoption of the minutes. Senator Sallee moved the minutes be adopted. Senator Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairperson Corbin stated his intent was to discuss individually each of the three bills that have been heard in committee. He called for discussion on **SB 221 - Governor appointees Secretary of Agriculture; Secretary appoints Agriculture Advisory Committee; Kansas State Grain Inspection Department moved to a separate division in the Department of Agriculture.**

The different processes included in **SB 221** were discussed and pointed out. The major issues were discussed such as moving the Grain Inspection Department to the Department of Agriculture and The Chief Engineer and the Director of the Grain Inspection Division would be in the classified service. Several members expressed concern with moving the Grain Inspection Department at this time. One member suggested he thought the best bill was SB 63, but he did not think there was the votes in the committee to pass the bill.

SB 62 - concerning agriculture; relating to the State Board of Agriculture and the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

A motion was made by Senator Wisdom to report favorable for passage SB 62. The motion was seconded by Senator Sallee. Discussion followed. Senator Morris moved to amend the bill to appoint the Secretary of Agriculture for a four year term. Senator Wisdom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Staff was called on to clarify the language in the bill concerning the Chief Engineer. It was suggested that the rules and regs of the Chief Engineer transfer to the new department that is created, and the Chief Engineer would still be able to issue the rules and regs. Second point for clarification was the division heads become unclassified and would become assistant secretaries and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary in unclassified positions.

Senator Sallee moved to give the Chief Engineer some rules and regs, and leave the Department heads where they are. The motion was seconded by Senator Wisdom. The motion carried. Discussion followed on whether the process set out in the bill was complicated or not. Many questions were raised such as: would this process raise the status of agriculture in the State; would it represent all of the people of Kansas; would rural people and people in the agriculture business be represented; and finally would this be for the betterment of agriculture? The question was called for. Motion failed.

SB 61 - creating the Department of Agriculture; relating to the appointment of the Secretary of Agriculture; creating an advisory board.

Senator Clark moved SB 61 be reported favorable for passage. Senator Tillotson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Senator Karr moved to amend SB 61 to include the rules and regs and to make the division heads classified. Senator Downey seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Wisdom

CONTINUATION SHEET

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moved to amend the bill to setup the advisory board as spelled out in **SB 62**. Senator Sallee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Staff was ask for clarification regarding the classified employees. The voted was called for on **SB 61** as amended. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 1995.

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Traei Carl	A.P.
Bill Fuller	Kansas Farm Bureau
Catherine A. Dever	Ks. Vet. Med. Assn.
Jay Armstrong	Farmer
Charles Benjamin	Sen. Downey
Alan Holmes	Division of Budget
Mary Jane Stattelman	KS Farm Bureau
Mike Beam	Ks. Luth. Assn.
Marty Vanier	KS Ag Alliance
Jamie Clover Adams	KGFA/KFCA
Ellie Deanne	Ks. Dept. of Agriculture
Carole Jordan	"
Russ Frey	KUMIA
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