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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:08 a.m. on February 23, 1995 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
John Kabus, Shawnee County Noxious Weed Department
Rod Biesenthal, Pottawatomie County Noxious Weed Department

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Corbin called for action on the minutes of February 20. Senator Tillotson moved that the minutes be adopted. Senator Sallee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee discussion was opened on **SB 206 - relating to noxious weeds; giving the county weed directors the power to seize noxious weed seeds or plants; amending the penalty section; unpaid labor costs collected as other taxes.**

John Kabus and Rod Biesenthal responded to questions and concerns regarding the legislation. They believe the bill would help them successfully perform the service they are hired to do. The most important section of the bill to them is the fine section. A motion to strike all of the sections except section 3 and SB 206 be passed as amended was made by Senator Downey. Senator Karr seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A suggestion was made that the Weed Dealer's Association fine tune the rest of the bill and it be brought up again next session. The Committee consensus was because of the statewide application a request be made for an interim study. A letter would be drafted to the Legislative Coordinating Council requesting an interim study.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for after the date turn around time.

