

Approved: 3/30/98  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phil Kline at 8:00 a.m. on March 20, 1998 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Rocky Nichols - Excused  
Representative Greg Packer - Excused  
Representative Jeff Peterson - Excused

Committee staff present: Stuart Little, Shannon Nichols, Rae Anne Davis, Reed Holwegner, Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department;  
Jim Wilson, Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office;  
Helen Abramson, Administrative Aide; Linda Swain, Appropriations Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Dave Frey, Administrator, Kansas Wheat Commission

Others attending: See attached list

**Hearing on HB 3007 - Kansas Wheat Commission**

Dave Frey, Administrator, Kansas Wheat Commission testified in favor of **HB 3007** which would establish a Wheat Research Reserve Fund with Kansas Wheat Commission dollars (Attachment 1). A brief discussion followed.

With no further conferees the public hearing on **HB 3007** was closed.

A motion was made by Representative Dean, seconded by Representative Neufeld to pass **HB 3007** favorably. The motion carried.

**Hearing on SB 495 - Special claims against the state**

Dr. Bill Wolf, Legislative Research Department, explained **SB 495** is the product of the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State, containing the same type of claims as in past years. Dr. Wolf reviewed the claims. A discussion followed.

The public hearing on **SB 495** was closed.

Representative Farmer noted he would like to amend the bill on page 4, line 19, to add the word "be" where it currently reads "to conducted", it should read "to be conducted". He suggested that **SB 495** would make a good vehicle for the 1999 Appropriation bill.

A motion was made by Representative Farmer, seconded by Representative Edmonds to amend the **SB 495** as described. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Farmer, seconded by Representative Helgerson to pass **SB 495** as amended.

A substitute motion was made by Representative Landwehr, seconded by Representative Dean to amend **SB 495** by deleting sections 11, 12 & 13. A discussion followed. The Substitute motion was withdrawn.

A vote was taken on the motion made by Representative Farmer to pass **SB 495** as amended. The motion carried.

Chair Kline noted the Committee would begin to work bills previously heard by the Committee, beginning with **HB 2603**. Chair Kline explained the bill, which increases the amount of bond that could be issued for state energy conservation improvements from \$5.0 million to \$10.0 million. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Representative Edmonds, seconded by Representative Landwehr to delete the phrase from section (b) which included "except on approval of the state finance council". The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Reinhardt, seconded by Representative Pottorff to pass **HB 2603** as amended. The motion carried.

Chair Kline introduced **HB 2612** which was introduced by Legislative Post Audit and originally heard in the Appropriations Committee on March 4.

Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Office, explained the bill will allow the Legislative Post Audit Committee some flexibility in the work schedule in terms of what it has to do each year. It was also noted by members and staff the bill has several other benefits which include reducing duplicate audits.

A motion was made by Representative Dean, seconded by Representative Reinhardt that SB 2612 be passed out favorably. The motion carried.

Chair Kline introduced **SB 400** concerning space in the capitol. If the bill was passed it would give the Legislative Coordinating Council the authority to remove all or part of the Secretary of State's operations from the capitol.

A motion was made by Representative Landwehr, seconded by Representative Pottorff to pass out SB 400 favorably. An extensive discussion followed concerning the Secretary of State's office space.

A substitute motion was made by Representative Ballard, seconded by Representative Landwehr to amend SB 400 to designate rooms 240-N and 241-N in the state capitol building to be permanently assigned to the secretary of state to be used by the secretary of state and other state officials for ceremonial purposes. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Representative Spangler, seconded by Representative Feuerborn to table SB 400. The motion failed.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion made by Representative Ballard. The motion carried with 9 in favor and 7 opposed. An extensive discussion followed.

A motion was made by Representative McKechnie, seconded by Representative Neufeld to amend the bill by adding language that the Legislature except for the President and Vice President, Senate Minority Leader, House Minority Leader, the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tem House Minority Leader shall vacate the State House (including all hearing rooms) and move to other facilities by January 1, 2002. An extensive discussion followed. The motion failed with 7 in favor and 9 opposed.

A motion was made by Representative Helgerson, seconded by Representative McKechnie for an amendment to SB 400 that a bill will be introduced in the next legislative session that specifically gives the plans and costs for renovation of the interior of the capitol building, as well as the proposed assignment and use of space. The bill should be given to the legislature at the beginning of the 1999 regular session of the legislature. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Helgerson, seconded by Representative Dean to move the bill out favorably as amended. The motion carried.

Chair Kline noted the bill will not go on the consent calendar.

Chair Kline introduced **SB 497**.

A motion was made by Representative McKechnie, seconded by Representative Holmes to amend SB 497 by making the following correction: A period should be inserted on page 3, line 40 after the word "committee" appears for the second time, and all the rest of the sentence should be deleted through line 42. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Representative Edmonds, seconded by Representative Feuerborn to table SB 497. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 1998.

# APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: 3/20/98

NAME	REPRESENTING
<i>Bill Woff</i>	<i>Legislative Research</i>
<i>David Gray</i>	<i>Kansas Wheat Comm -</i>

March 20, 1998

## HB 3007 Kansas Wheat Commission Wheat Research Reserve Fund.

testimony by David Frey, Administrator, Kansas Wheat Commission

Chairman Kline, honorable members of the House Appropriations Committee this bill would establish a Wheat Research Reserve Fund with Kansas Wheat Commission dollars. Kansas Wheat Commission dollars come from Kansas wheat producers exclusively and not from the General fund. Kansas farmers also have the option of requesting a full refund on this wheat levy.

HB3007 was requested by the House Appropriations Sub committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. The bill allows funds to be set aside for wheat research and allows any interest earned to remain with the fund. Expenditures from this fund will be subject to the State appropriations process.

Kansas wheat producers depend on publicly developed wheat varieties for more than 80 percent of the wheat that is planted and harvested in the state. The great majority of those publicly developed wheat varieties are from the wheat breeding program at Kansas State University.

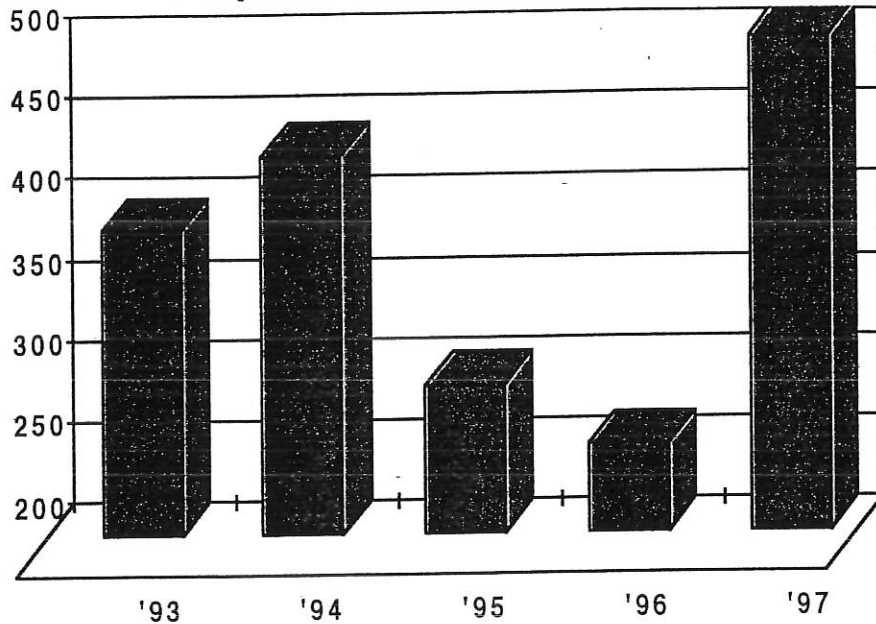
Wheat varieties grown in the state of Kansas which were developed or maintained by Kansas State University had an on farm value of approximately one billion, one hundred and forty five million dollars (\$1,145,000,000.00) in FY98, even with the low prices paid for wheat this past year. Without Kansas Wheat Commission support, the K-State wheat breeding program would be a skeleton of what it currently is, which is arguably the best wheat breeding program in the world.

There are large weather related fluctuations in the Kansas wheat crop size. This is in sharp contrast to the need for continuity in funding for wheat research and market development. This year, the record wheat crop allows the opportunity for the KWC to hedge against the possibility of a future short crop. HB 3007, the proposed wheat research fund would assure future support for these sustaining programs and provide stability and assurance to wheat research scientists when hiring and initiating long term activities on behalf of Kansas wheat producers. It would accrue interest as a hedge against inflation and lost opportunity costs. Kansas Wheat Commission on behalf of the wheat producers of Kansas appreciate your consideration.

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Attachment 1*

# Kansas Wheat Crop size and how it has affected Kansas Wheat Commission Research at KSU

## Crop Size: Million Bushels



## Research: Thousand \$

