

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Flower at 3:30 p.m. on March 3, 1999, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Thimesch - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Allie Devine, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture
Jere White, Ex. Director, Kansas Corn Growers Assn. and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers
Steve McKinzie, Government Affairs Chairman, Kansas Pest Control Association
Doug Wareham, Vice President, Government Affairs, Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Association
Bill Fuller, Associate Director, Public Affairs Division, Kansas Farm Bureau
Dr. David Ripple, President, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association
Dr. Dirk Hanson, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Flower asked committee members to review the minutes of February 17 and 22. If there were corrections or additions, members were asked to contact the committee secretary before 10:00 a.m., March 4, or they will stand approved as presented.

Hearing on SB 65 - Commercial fertilizer inspection fees, pesticide use survey funding.

Chairperson Flower opened the hearing on **SB 65** and asked staff to brief the committee on the bill. Raney explained that the change on page 1, line 20, of **SB 65** would lower the maximum inspection fee that the Secretary of Agriculture may impose on each ton of commercial fertilizer from \$1.70 to \$1.67 per ton. In addition, on page 2, lines 25 - 27, the bill would authorize using \$100,000 from the Fertilizer Fee Fund to conduct a pesticide use survey. He said the other amendments to the bill were technical in nature.

Allie Devine, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture, appeared in support of **SB 65**. She said that while she had the authority to reduce the fertilizer tonnage fee by regulation, she felt the legislature should act on this matter. She said the fertilizer fee had been bringing in a significant amount the past few years, and that they have established a carryover fund of approximately \$300,000. She explained that **SB 65** requests authorization for \$100,000 of this fund to be used to conduct a pesticide use survey. She said such a survey would establish data that could one day protect the reasonable use of pesticides in our state as the federal Food Quality Protection Act is implemented. She said this would be a one-time authorization. (Attachment 1)

Jere White, Executive Director, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association and Kansas Corn Growers Association, testified in support of **SB 65**, explaining that the proposed pesticide study would replace EPA default assumptions with real world data from Kansas. He encouraged the committee to consider that timing is critical and these funds are currently available, that the loss of any product would make the \$100,000 price tag cheap considering the same producers bear the burden either way. In the future he felt pesticide use survey work should be funded by those that use the products. (Attachment 2)

Steve McKinzie, Government Affairs Chairman of the Kansas Pest Control Association, spoke in support of **SB 65**, specifically, the portion of the bill that provides funding for a pesticide use survey. He said that current threshold limits and the risk assessment of pesticides in the FQPA appear to be more a matter of EPA policy than of true science. He said this survey would allow the state to accumulate the scientific data needed to intelligently make decisions on future pesticide uses. (Attachment 3)

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, Room 423-S Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m. on March 3, 1999.

Doug Wareham, Vice President, Government Affairs, Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Association, appeared in support of **SB 65** enabling the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture to initiate a comprehensive pesticide use survey. He said their industry has been very concerned about the lack of practical pesticide use information. He said this bill will enable Kansas to submit reliable pesticide use data in an effort to protect against unjustified restrictions caused simply by a lack of information. (Attachment 4)

Bill Fuller, Associate Director, Public Affairs Division, Kansas Farm Bureau, testified in support of **SB 65** which proposes to utilize \$100,000 from existing fertilizer fees to fund a pesticide use survey that will benefit Kansas producers as more extensive regulatory programs are developed. He said that it is imperative to Kansas producers that pesticide use data be collected in Kansas, under Kansas weather conditions, farming Kansas soil, using Kansas management practices. (Attachment 5)

Chairperson Flower closed the hearing on **SB 65**.

Hearing on SB 145 - Amendments to Kansas Veterinary Practice Act.

Chairperson Flower opened the hearing on **SB 145** and asked Raney to review the bill for the committee. Raney stated that **SB 145** would make numerous modifications to the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act. He outlined several substantial changes contained in the bill, including: 1) Page 5, lines 10-23, specifies that one member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners not be a veterinarian; 2) Page 5, lines 32-34, changes how members of the Board are selected for appointment; 3) Page 8, line 40, - page 9, line 21, allows the Board to issue subpoenas; 4) Page 15, line 23, makes failure to register a veterinary premise a misdemeanor; 5) Page 15, line 28, - page 16, line 4, allows the Board to issue cease and desist orders.

Dr. David Ripple, President, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, testified in support of **SB 145**. He said that all KVMA members have had the opportunity to express objections, suggestions, or recommendations, and that the veterinary profession is in agreement with these amendments. He reported that the proposals contained in the bill have been reviewed and approved for support by the KVMA Legislative Committee and Executive Board. He said that **SB 145** will provide the Board of Veterinary Examiners with the additional tools to soundly regulate the profession and continue to maintain the integrity, safety, viability, and professionalism of veterinary medicine in Kansas. (Attachment 6)

Dr. Dirk Hanson, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, appeared in support of **SB 145**. He stated that this bill would better allow the Board of Veterinary Examiners to fulfill its purpose as stated in the Veterinary Practice Act by providing language that is leaner, simpler, more straightforward, and more effective. He discussed the proposed amendments designed to accomplish these objectives. With his testimony he included written testimony from the president and several members of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, as well as the Executive Director of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. (Attachment 7)

This concluded the hearing on **SB 145**.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 1999.

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY
TO THE

HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SB 65

BY

Secretary Allie Devine
Kansas Department of Agriculture
March 3, 1999

Chairman Flower and other members of the House Agriculture Committee, I appear before you today asking that you recommend passage of SB 65 so that the Kansas Department of Agriculture is able to address two issues - first, the reduction in the fertilizer tonnage fee, and second, the authority to spend \$100,000 from the fertilizer fee reserves toward conducting a pesticide use survey.

By statute, the secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture is required by K.S.A. 2-1205 to lower the fee assessed on the sale of fertilizer whenever the "fee is yielding more than is necessary for the purposes of administering the fertilizer program." During the last few years, the fee has yielded more than is necessary to cover our expenses. Currently, the law imposes a \$1.70 per ton fee on fertilizer. KDA receives \$.026 from this fund, \$.04 goes to the Kansas State University Fertilizer Research Fund, and \$1.30 goes to the state water plan fund. During FY1998, KDA received approximately \$500,000 and expended approximately \$400,000. However, this was an above-average year. Over the last 10 years, the average receipts have been \$487,000 and average expenses were \$468,000. We are proposing the lowering of the fee by \$.03/ton, which amounts to an estimated reduction in revenue of \$56,000 per year. This reduction in the fee will only impact the Kansas Department of Agriculture's revenues, not the other recipients of portions of the fertilizer tonnage fee.

While the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to reduce the fee by regulation, I felt that the legislature should act on this matter. Future increases require statutory change.

Since the fertilizer fee has been bringing in a significant amount during the last few years, we have established a carryover fund of approximately \$300,000. I am asking your authorization for \$100,000 of this carryover to be used to conduct a pesticide use survey. This is a one-time authorization. I have spoken with the various agricultural groups and they are supportive of this use of the money because they believe that since producers have paid this fee, it is reasonable to use the fee money to establish data that could one day protect the reasonable use of pesticides in our state as the federal Food Quality Protection Act is implemented.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I would be glad to stand for any questions you may have about SB 65.



TESTIMONY

TO: Kansas House Committee on Agriculture
FROM: Jere White, Executive Director
DATE: 3 March 1999
SUBJECT: SB-65

The Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers wish to submit this testimony in support of SB-65. This bill establishes a slight reduction in the maximum rate for the inspection fee of commercial fertilizers and also authorizes a \$100,000 transfer from the fertilizer fee fund to conduct a pesticide use survey.

Improper implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act will create challenges for growers and regulators alike. The US EPA is seriously lacking in appropriate data to determine tolerances for many common tools in production agriculture. Organophosphate and carbamate insecticides are the first class of chemicals under scrutiny. Growers welcome a science-based approach that uses real world data. Unfortunately, this type of data, when not already in the EPA's hands, is being replaced with default assumptions that always will be excessively conservative. Losing valuable products to theoretical risk will jeopardize Kansas and US farm production. The proposed pesticide use study would replace US EPA defaults with real world data from Kansas. There is no substitute for good data and without a doubt the need is there now.

While some might argue that the funding should come from a greater base than just commercial fertilizer, we would encourage this committee to consider that timing is critical and these funds are currently available. Also the loss of any product would make the \$100,000 price tag cheap considering the same producers bear the burden either way. In the future, pesticide use survey work should be funded by those that use the products, whether urban or rural. Today, we encourage this committee to pass favorably SB-65, and let this needed work begin at the earliest possible time. Thank you.

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Statement by
Steve McKinzie
Government Affairs Chairman of the Kansas Pest Control Association
And president of
McKinzie Pest Control, Manhattan, KS
Before the House Agriculture Committee
On
Senate Bill 65
March 3, 1999

Madame Chairman and Members of the Committee: My name is Steve McKinzie. I am the Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee of the Kansas Pest Control Association and the President of McKinzie Pest Control of Manhattan

I am here today to speak in support of Senate Bill 65, and more specifically that section of the bill that provides for funding for a pesticide use survey in Kansas. Our Association of about 100 pest control companies licensed by the Kansas Department of Agriculture is very concerned about administration by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA).

The FQPA does not just require EPA to take into account the individual risks associated with the single use of a specific product, but now requires EPA to take into account ALL uses of that product. PLUS, they must factor in all of the risk associated with the uses of all other products, which have a similar toxicity. This has resulted in a concept commonly referred to as the "Risk Cup" in which EPA has set threshold limits of potential risks for entire classes of pesticides. Once that threshold is reached the "cup overflows". Either the use of a pesticide already in the "Risk Cup" must be removed to allow other pesticide uses in that class, or any other pesticide uses, which would exceed the threshold limit, must be discontinued.

Currently these threshold limits and the risk assessment of pesticides in the FQPA appear to be more a matter of EPA policy than of true science. We strongly believe that the utilization of sound scientific and real world data by EPA is essential to the proper administration of this federal act. The Kansas Secretary of Agriculture has indicated that the \$100,000.00 fund transfer referred to in S.B. 65 would be used to assist in gathering such data in Kansas.

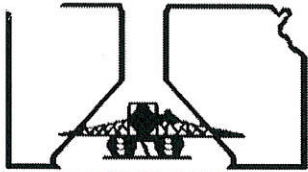
This fund will allow us to begin to accumulate the scientific data needed to intelligently make decisions on future pesticide uses. We would encourage this study to be implemented, and that it includes not only agricultural uses, but urban uses of pesticides as well. We need to ensure that not only is the "risk cup" the right size, but that the pesticide use risks are based in fact.

It seems to me that the judicious use of pesticides not only allows the agriculture community to produce greater quantities of healthy foods enabling us to live longer healthier lives. But also allows those of us in the Pest Control Industry the tools we need to help prevent the potential of life threatening diseases carried by pests that can infest our restaurants, grocery stores, schools, and homes

For these reasons, we encourage you to approve the funding request to gather pesticide use data in Kansas as requested in the bill.

Thank you.
I would stand for questions.

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**KANSAS FERTILIZER &
CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Statement of the
Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical
Association
Regarding
Senate Bill 65
to the
House Agriculture Committee
Rep. Joann Flower, Chair
March 3, 1999**

KFCA IS COMMITTED TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS VIABILITY FOR THE PLANT NUTRIENT AND CROP PROTECTION INDUSTRY IN KANSAS.

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Chairman Flower and members of the House Agriculture Committee, my name is Doug Wareham and I am Vice President, Government Affairs for the Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Association (KFCA). KFCA is the professional trade association for the state's plant nutrient and crop protection industry. KFCA's over 550 members are primarily retail dealers scattered across Kansas that sell and custom apply crop protection chemicals and fertilizers for Kansas producers. KFCA's membership also includes distribution firms, manufacturer representatives, equipment manufacturers and others who serve the fertilizer and chemical industry in Kansas.

I appear today in support of Senate Bill 65 and respectfully request positive consideration of this bill. Senate Bill 65 will enable the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture to initiate a comprehensive pesticide use survey which we believe will benefit both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as they work together to implement the provisions of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) which was adopted by Congress in 1996. Our industry has been very concerned about the lack of practical pesticide-use information being utilized by EPA and the apparent lack of involvement by USDA to ensure that new risk assessments for crop protection chemicals are being established using sound science and reliable real-world data.

Senate Bill 65 will help ensure that real world data is available and will help ensure that reliable pesticide residue data is considered before any unnecessary restrictions are placed on crop protection products currently utilized by the production agriculture industry in Kansas. Simply put, this bill will enable Kansas to submit reliable use data and in turn protect against unjustified restrictions caused simply by a lack of information.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear in support of Senate Bill 65 and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.



PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**RE: SB 65 - Funding a pesticide use survey and
reducing the fertilizer fee fund.**

**March 3, 1999
Topeka, Kansas**

**Prepared by:
Bill R. Fuller, Associate Director
Public Affairs Division
Kansas Farm Bureau**

Chair Flower and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, we certainly appreciate this opportunity today to express support for SB 65. We commend Secretary Allie Devine of the Kansas Department of Agriculture for a plan that provides the funds to conduct the much needed pesticide use survey, and at the same time reduces the fertilizer fee fund.

My name is Bill Fuller. I serve as the Associate Director of the Public Affairs Division for Kansas Farm Bureau.

The farm and ranch members of the 105 county Farm Bureaus have a track record of demanding that pesticides be used safely. Examples of policy adopted by farmer members include these statements:

- ◆ *We do not condone the misuse of agricultural chemicals.*
- ◆ *We support a uniform, safe, effective and scientifically-based system of regulation of agricultural chemicals.*
- ◆ *We support complete and detailed labeling of all agricultural chemicals.*

Kansas Farm Bureau developed, printed and distributed a "**Crop and Pesticide RECORD BOOK.**" More than 12,000 copies were made available to producers. Most were distributed directly to farmers. Some were distributed

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through fertilizer dealers, pesticide retailers and grain elevators. While use of the record book is a tool to improve farm management, a major objective is to protect water quality and the environment.

State and federal agencies are demanding more and more data on the use of pesticides in developing more extensive regulatory programs. In order to preserve the opportunity to continue the use of these important tools of production, it is imperative to Kansas producers that the use data be collected in Kansas, under Kansas weather conditions, farming Kansas soil, using Kansas management practices.

The 435 Voting Delegates attending the 80th Annual Meeting of Kansas Farm Bureau adopted new policy in support of this proposal:

"We support the development of a program within the Kansas Department of Agriculture to track the use of agricultural chemicals in Kansas through voluntary, confidential reporting."

SB 65 also proposes to reduce the \$1.70 per ton fertilizer fee fund. While the \$.03 reduction is modest, it is encouraging that the movement is in the right direction. While it is indeed a rare happening, it is good news when a fee levied by any governmental agency is reduced.

We encourage the committee to approve SB 65 which proposes to utilize \$100,000 from existing fees to fund and conduct a pesticide use survey that will benefit Kansas producers as more regulatory programs are developed.

We will respond to any questions you may have.

Thank you!



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Testimony

House Agriculture Committee

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Room 423 South

by **Dr. David Ripple**

President, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association

Representative Flower and members of the House Agriculture Committee, thank you so much for the opportunity to be here today and **testify on behalf of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association in support of S.B. 145.**

My name is David Ripple and I practice veterinary medicine in Dodge City. In addition, I am the current president of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA), the professional Association representing more than 700 Kansas veterinarians through legislative, regulatory, educational, and public awareness programs.

Beginning in the Spring of 1998, the KVMA became aware of efforts by the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners to clarify, simplify, and make more consistent the language in the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act. These are the first changes to the Act since July 1, 1993.

On June 7, 1998, members of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners met with members of the KVMA Legislative Committee and the KVMA Executive Board in Manhattan to thoroughly review the Board of Examiners' proposed changes to the Act. The proposals were scrutinized almost line by line. Dr. Dirk Hanson, executive director of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, also spoke on the changes at the KVMA semiannual business meeting that day, which was attended by approximately 150 KVMA members.

Subsequent to that meeting, the KVMA published the proposed changes in the Act verbatim in four successive issues (July-October) of the **Kansas Veterinary News**, the official publication of the KVMA. The ultimate goal of this process was to provide KVMA members with every opportunity to express objections, suggestions, or recommendations to the Practice Act amendments and, hopefully, to reach a consensus on them within the profession.

Following publication of the last Practice Act installment in the Association's newsletter in October, the proposals were again reviewed and approved for support by the KVMA Legislative Committee and Executive Board. The KVMA is proud of this review process and pleased that it can approach the Kansas Legislature with the knowledge that the profession is in agreement with these amendments.

The Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners has made significant strides in recent years in upgrading staff, administration, and technology to cope with constantly challenging issues pertaining to food safety and companion animal medicine. The Board has conscientiously and systematically addressed the need to strengthen its regulatory, disciplinary, and enforcement authority. It has also been a

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national leader in attempting to adopt uniform licensure requirements for Kansas, which would bring about increased availability of professional veterinary services. **S.B. 145 will allow the Board to move ahead with these important goals.**

S.B. 145 will provide the Board with the additional tools to soundly regulate the profession and continue to maintain the integrity, safety, viability, and professionalism of veterinary medicine in Kansas that clients and consumers have come to know and expect. It will also insure that the practice of veterinary medicine will always be held to the highest conceivable standards.

For all of these reasons, **the KVMA respectfully requests that the House Agriculture Committee vote for favorable passage of S.B. 145.**

Thank you again for the privilege of visiting with you today.



Board of Veterinary Examiners

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 1999

To: **Members of the House Agriculture Committee,
Representative JoAnn Flower, Chairman**

From: Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners
Dirk Hanson, D.V.M., Executive Director

Subject: **SB 145** - Revisions to K.S.A. 47-814 through 47-854,
the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act

Extensive amendments and additions to the Veterinary Practice Act were passed during the 1993 legislative session. As the Board of Veterinary Examiners has implemented that new language over the past five and one half years, we have identified the need for some further statutory revisions in order to make that language:

- a) clearer and more straightforward as to its intent,
- b) simpler and more consistent as to its grammar, and
- c) better and more effective as to its enforceability.

Diligent efforts by members and staff of this Board and representatives of the Attorney General's office have culminated in the improvements proposed to you today. During the last seven months, Board representatives have participated in extensive efforts to promulgate these proposed improvements. Meetings have been conducted with members the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, the Kansas Livestock Association, and the Kansas Farm Bureau. The valuable input received as a result of these communications efforts has been incorporated into the language, and is reflected in this Senate Bill.

While time does not allow discussion of every proposed revision, noteworthy examples of the accomplishment of each of the three above listed objectives can be presented.

a) An example of making the language clearer and more straightforward as to its intent is found in the revision proposed beginning on page 5, line 13 of the bill as printed in the legislative packets. As currently written, one who reads the statute might incorrectly infer that the legislature's intent was to have the board consist of seven, only "one of whom shall represent the interests of the general public". The revised language clarifies to a reader that it is the legislature's intent that the board shall consist of seven, all of whom shall serve "in order to promote public health, safety, and welfare".

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b) An example of making the language simpler and more straightforward is found in the revision proposed beginning on page 9, line 23. Currently two statutes set forth the license applicant qualifications, and licensure requirements in a redundant, complicated fashion. The revised language more simply and straightforwardly accomplishes the same function within one statute, thereby allowing the repeal of 47-826 in its entirety.

While achieving the objective of simplicity, this revision also would establish Kansas as a leader in what will become a national trend. Like the rest of society, veterinary medicine has experienced an increase in the mobility of veterinarians and veterinary services. Fortunately, this has led to an increase in the services that can be provided to the consumer. Kansas livestock producers, for example, have benefited from the additional veterinary services they have been offered from veterinary specialty consultants who travel through a multiple state area where such specialty services are needed. Unfortunately, these specialists have experienced varying and complicated state licensure requirements that they must meet in order to attain a license in each of the states. This issue has risen to a level of national attention. In an effort to address this concern, the American Association of Veterinary State Boards has proposed, after a great deal of research and consideration, a solution. A model for one set of uniform licensure requirements that every state could adopt has been proposed. If enacted in each and every state, thereby simplifying the process for attaining a license in each state where the specialist practices, the issue would be resolved. The member boards of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards have endorsed this model. Kansas, by way of passage of this bill, would become one of the first states to enact legislation to bring about this very worthwhile resolution, while benefiting Kansans with increased availability of professional veterinary services.

c) Finally, an example of making the language better and more effective as to its enforceability is found beginning on page 8, line 19, which would add investigative subpoena language, as currently found in five other Kansas health professions regulatory agencies. This language provides a tool better enabling the informal resolution of a complaint economically, timely, and satisfactorily. Veterinary members of the both the Board of Veterinary Examiners and the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association support this language.

In summary, Senate Bill 145 would better allow the Board of Veterinary Examiners the fulfillment of its purpose as declared in the Veterinary Practice Act by providing language that is clearer, simpler, more straightforward, and more effective. Passage of this bill would result in the practice of better veterinary medicine by licensees, the enjoyment of better veterinary services by Kansas consumers, and the enabling of this agency to better promote public health safety and welfare in a more responsive and effective manner.

We ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you!

DEKALB SWINE BREEDERS, INC.
Veterinary Services



Date: Wednesday, March 3, 1999

To: **Members of the House Agriculture Committee,
Representative JoAnn Flower, Chairman**

From: Bill Brown, D.V.M, President
Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners

Subject: **SB 145 - Revisions to K.S.A. 47-814 through 47-854,
the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act**

As President of the Board of Veterinary Examiners, I would like to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 145. Prior business travel commitments prevent my appearance before your committee today. By way of this written testimony, however, please know that our board has carefully considered the language it proposes in this bill. Our board has actively sought input from those who might be impacted by the legislation, and have made modifications based on the input that they have provided. As a result of these communications efforts, we are confident we can expect positive effects from passage of this bill.

As the Director of Veterinary Services for DEKALB Swine Breeders, Inc., I have joined with other representatives of the livestock production industries to consider this legislation from the aspect of food animal production in Kansas. Again, please know that a careful eye has been focused on ensuring that the livestock industries can expect positive effects from passage of this bill.

I ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you.

Bill Brown DVM



Board of Veterinary Examiners

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 1999

To: **Members of the House Agriculture Committee,
Representative JoAnn Flower, Chairman**

From: Eileen Beltz, Public Consumer Member
Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners

Subject: **SB 145 - Revisions to K.S.A. 47-814 through 47-854,
the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act**

As a Kansas public consumer of veterinary services, I wish to speak today in support of this legislation. Kansans today benefit from the implementation and enforcement of the Veterinary Practice Act, and I personally have experienced those benefits.

As a Public Consumer member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners, I wish to convey to you that passage of this bill will result in increasing the agency's ability to fulfill the purpose for which it exists, the promotion of public health safety and welfare.

Senate Bill 145 will promote Kansans being able to enjoy more complete, more affordable, and safe veterinary care of their companion animals. Further, Kansans will enjoy increased assurance that veterinary professionals are protecting and enhancing food quality assurance. In short, consumers, veterinary clients and their pets will benefit from the passage of this bill.

I ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you.



Board of Veterinary Examiners

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 1999

To: **Members of the House Agriculture Committee,
Representative JoAnn Flower, Chairman**

From: Tom Jernigan, D.V.M, Member,
Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners

Subject: **SB 145 - Revisions to K.S.A. 47-814 through 47-854,
the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act**

As a member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners, I wanted to let you know that our board has carefully considered the language it proposes in this bill. We have actively sought input from those who might be impacted by the legislation, and have made modifications based on the input that they have provided. As a result of these communications efforts, we are confident we can expect positive effects from passage of this bill.

As a large animal practitioner, I have joined with other representatives of the livestock production industries to consider this legislation from the aspect of food animal production in Kansas. Again, I want you to know that a careful eye has been focused on ensuring that the livestock industries can expect positive effects from passage of this bill.

I ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you.



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January 29, 1999

Reference: SB 145

Senator Steve Morris, Chairman
Senate Agriculture Committee

Dear Senator Steve Morris, Chairman,

I am writing in support of Kansas SB 145. The American Association of Veterinary State Boards has as one of its goals:

Encouraging and aiding collaborative efforts among Member Boards to simplify and standardize licensing and certification processes for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Toward that end, our organization has suggested language to streamline the process of licensure by endorsement. The Kansas Board has proposed that language in SB 145. The board is certainly to be commended for its farsighted vision in requesting the legislature to enact procedures that will simplify the process for veterinarians to become licensed by endorsement in the state of Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte P. Ronan".

Charlotte P. Ronan
Executive Director