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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on February 1, 1999 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tim Heulskamp (E)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kippes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David L. Pope, Chief Engineer-Director, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Tyson made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 28, 1999 meeting as submitted. Senator Clark seconded. Motion carried.

David L. Pope, Chief Engineer-Director, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, continued his overview of the division (Reference Attachment 1 of January 28, 1999). Mr. Pope began with the table form which shows the series of steps necessary in acquiring a water right from the Division of Water Resources. He described the criteria for approval and constraints put on permits as well as final water rights, protection to existing water rights and ensuring the new use is reasonable.

Mr. Pope will provide information to the committee as to why some certifications for water rights have been held up for several years.

The overview of the Division of Water Resources will be continued.

The next meeting will be February 2, 1999.

