

Approved: 3-16-99
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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 March 11, 1999 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tim Huelskamp
Senator Robert Tyson

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
George Teagarden, Livestock Commissioner

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 1999 meeting as submitted. Senator Downey seconded. Motion carried.

HB 2321 - concerning contagious or infectious diseases among domestic animals

George Teagarden, Livestock Commissioner, testified as a proponent of **HB 2321**, stating that the bill adds to the definition of domestic animals, which gives the Livestock Commissioner the authority to control movement of diseased animals within the state (Attachment 1).

The hearing on **HB 2321** was closed.

Senator Downey made a motion to pass favorably **HB 2321**. Senator Umbarger seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 16, 1999.

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
George Teagarden	Ks Animal Health Dept
Debra Duncan	Ks. Animal Health Dept.
Mike Beam	Ks. Livestock Assn.
Kent Galley	McBillo, Gaches & Associates
Chris Wilson	KS Dairy Ass'n
Shane Magnelin	Sen. Stephens staff

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HB 2321

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Chairman Morris and members of the Senate Agriculture committee,

I am George Teagarden, Livestock Commissioner for the State of Kansas. I appear before you to ask your favorable consideration of HB 2321. Simply put, this bill just adds to the definition of domestic animals. KSA 47-635 speaks to the construction of KSA 47-610 to KSA 47-635, statutes which give the livestock commissioner the authority to control movement of diseased animals within the state.

Some of the additions (goats, llamas and poultry) were inadvertently removed by past legislative action. Birds, nonhuman primates and ferrets are being added so that the livestock commissioner can control diseased animals within these species. These species can carry diseases that are harmful to man. In the recent past, our department has been aware of diseased birds and nonhuman primates, but had no authority to quarantine and require treatment. Allowing diseased animals to move freely about our state is not in the best interest of animal or human health.

The bill was amended by the House committee to clarify the language of current law.

I would welcome any questions that you might have.

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Attachment 1