

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on March 14, 2001, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Freeborn - excused
Representative Thimesch - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Johnson asked Raney Gilliland to read a letter addressed to Secretary of Agriculture Jamie Clover Adams in support of the Department's efforts to persuade the United States Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority under Section 18 of the Federal Food Quality Protection Act to permit the special use of Vista blended with Remedy to combat sericea lespedeza in pastureland. Representative Faber moved to have all committee members sign the letter. Seconded by Representative Feuerborn, the motion carried. (Attachment 1)

The Chairman asked members to review the minutes of March 5 and to notify the committee secretary of any corrections or additions prior to March 19, or they will be considered approved as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2001.

HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: March 14, 2001

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| Bobby Phelps | Jefferson County |
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| William Scott | Kansas Dept. of Agriculture |
| Tom Sim | Kansas Dept. of Agriculture |
| Rebecca Reed | KS Dept. of Agriculture |
| Joe Leber | Ks Co-op Council |
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| Whitney Damron | Coffey Co. Commission |
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March 14, 2001

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CHAIRMAN: AGRICULTURE
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Jamie Clover Adams, Secretary
Kansas Department of Agriculture
109 SW 9th, 4th Floor
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Secretary Adams:

We write in support of your Department's efforts to persuade the United States Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority under Section 18 of the Federal Food Quality Protection Act to permit the special use of Vista (fluroxyltyr) blended with Remedy (triclopyr ester) to combat sericea lespedeza in pastureland.

As you know, sericea lespedeza is a noxious weed in Kansas. It is a serious threat to our prairie ecosystems, and it is a serious threat to livestock grazing in those areas it infests. Unfortunately, the area of infestation in our state continues to grow.

Kansas farmers and ranchers are committed to fighting the spread of sericea lespedeza, but the chemical treatment methods currently available are prohibitively expensive. Permitting the use of Vista blended with Remedy would tend to reduce the cost of treatment. For example, the current average per-acre price of treatment with Remedy alone has been estimated at \$15.52. With a Vista/Remedy blend, it has been estimated that the cost of treatment could fall to \$9.50 per acre.

House Agriculture Committee
March 14, 2001
Attachment 1

Thank you for your efforts in this regard. If the members of the House Agriculture Committee can be of further assistance in obtaining this Section 18 special use authority, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Representative Dan Johnson, Chairman
House Agriculture Committee

Representative Mary Compton

Representative Donald Dahl

Representative John M. Faber

Representative Bill Feuerborn

Representative Vaughn L. Flora

Representative Joann Freeborn

Representative Gary K. Hayzlett

Representative Becky J. Hutchins

Representative Bruce Larkin

Representative Bill Light

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Representative Ralph Ostmeyer

Representative Sharon Schwartz

Representative Judy Showalter

Representative Daniel J. Thimesch