

Approved: January 25, 2005  
Date

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 A.M. on January 19, 2005 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Steve Morris- excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research  
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research  
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statues  
Jacqui Jones, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee: Mary Jane Stankiewicz

Others attending: *See Attached List*

Chairman Taddiken opened the meeting.

A list of written and oral reports required by statute, which would be come before the Committee during the 2005 Session, was passed out to Committee members and interested parties.

Chairman Taddiken asked for bill introductions.

Constantine Cotsoradis, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) requested that a bill be introduced to amend K.S.A.2-2805 and 2806, the Soil Amendment Law. Assistant Secretary Cotsoradis then stood for questions. Senator Pine moved and Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion that the bill be introduced. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Secretary Cotsoradis requested that a bill be introduced to allow the DOA to maintain membership in the Interstate Pest Control Compact by adopting its model enabling legislation to remedy a technical error regarding Kansas' membership in the Compact thus allowing Kansas to receive benefits of controlling plant pests. Senator Francisco moved and Senator Lee seconded that the bill be introduced. The motion passed. (See attachment 1)

Chairman Taddiken presented a conceptual bill to remove mandatory labeling requirements for ethanol as a motor vehicle fuel. Senator Pine moved and Senator Francisco seconded that the bill be introduced. Motion passed.

Chairman Taddiken then opened the hearing on **SB-16**. Chairman Taddiken requested Raney Gilliland, Office of Legislative Research, to give a brief overview of the bill and the fiscal note thereof before turning the podium over to Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Administrator of the Kansas Agriculture Remediation Board who gave testimony as a proponent for **SB-16**.

Ms. Stankeiwicz gave a brief outline of the makeup of the Board staff and attached a list of Board members. (See attachment 2). She explained how the budget of the Board is developed.

The hearing on **SB-16** was closed.

Senator Huelskamp moved, seconded by Senator Pine that **SB-16** be passed. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned. At 9:20 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 25, 2005.





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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ADRIAN J. POLANSKY, SECRETARY

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

## Memorandum

To: Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee

From: Kansas Department of Agriculture

Date: January 19, 2005

The Kansas Department of Agriculture respectfully requests the Senate Agriculture Committee to introduce two bills.

One bill is to amend K.S.A 2-2805 and 2806, the Soil Amendment Law. This minor change will increase the registration fee for soil amendment products from \$50 to \$100. At the same time, however, it will strike the tonnage reporting and payment requirements for the companies. The increased registration fee will be offset by the cancellation of the tonnage fees. This will make little fiscal difference to the companies, but it will maintain consumer protection while easing the paperwork burden on this small industry. There are currently 10 companies with 15 registered soil amendment products.

We also request that the committee introduce a bill to allow the Department of Agriculture to maintain membership in the Interstate Pest Control Compact by adopting their model enabling legislation. This legislation is needed to remedy a technical error regarding Kansas' membership in the compact. The enactment of the model enabling legislation will allow Kansas to receive benefits of controlling plant pests in other member states.

The proposed language for these two bills has been forwarded to the office of the Revisor of Statutes.

Senate Agriculture Committee

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Attachment # 1

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AGRICULTURAL REMEDIATION BOARD

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

**SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

**SENATE BILL 16**

**JANUARY 19, 2005**

Senate Agriculture Committee  
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Attachment # *2*

Good morning, Chairman Taddiken and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee. My name is Mary Jane Stankiewicz and I am the administrator for the Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board.

The Remediation Board was established in 2000 and is composed of 5 appointed members that represent various segments of the grain and chemical industry and a producer representative and 2 agency representatives. I have attached a list of the Remediation Board members to this testimony for your reference.

The statute does not specifically address the expiration date so the members have been appointed with an expiration date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Since the inception of this program, there have been 5 members whose terms have expired and these individuals were either replaced or reappointed so this issue has become apparent over the past few years. We recognize that it would be more convenient for the terms to expire during the session so that the legislators would be readily available for the confirmation process. The Remediation Board is supportive of any change that would assist the smooth and timely confirmation of board members.

This bill has come before the legislature previously and unfortunately was used as a vehicle for other legislation. We are hopeful that this bill can successfully move through the legislative process this year. We supported the previous bills and stand in support of this bill. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have about this bill. Thank you for your time and attention.

## **Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board (KARB)**

Larry Shivers, Chair since September 2003; Vice Chair from 2000-2003  
Representing specialty chemical distributors  
Term expires: 2008

Tim Peterson, Vice Chair  
Representing Agricultural Producers  
Term expires: 2007

Kamyar Manesch  
Representing grain processors  
Term expires: 2007

Laura Pearl  
Representing agricultural retailers  
Term expires: 2006

Roger Long  
Representing agriculture and specialty chemical registrants  
Term expires: 2006

Rick Bean, ex-officio member  
Representing the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Gary Meyer, ex-officio member  
Representing the Kansas Department of Agriculture