

Approved: March 14, 2008  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 3:30 P.M. on February 26, 2008, in Room 783 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:  
Representative Carl Holmes - excused

Committee staff present:  
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes  
Kristen Kellems, Revisor of Statutes  
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

The Chair called attention to **HB 2829 - declaring a temporary season for taking antlerless deer.** Representative Aurand offered an amendment on line 13 to include language stating, *75 accidents in that county, and at least 50 percent.* Representative Powell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Aurand moved to pass out **HB 2829** favorably as amended. Representative Powell seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Representative Lukert offered a substitute motion to delay enactment of the bill until July 1, 2009. Representative Aurand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In consideration of **HB 2829**, Representative Feuerborn motioned to table the bill. Representative Flora seconded. A division was called for. The motion carried, 10-8. **HB 2829** is tabled.

The Chair requested members to consider **Substitute HB 2625 - concerning existing intensive groundwater use control areas; relating to review hearing of such areas; establishing advisory panels.** Representative Powell moved to recommend the bill favorable for passage. Representative Gatewood seconded the motion. The motion passed. Representative Powell moved to amend the bill, stating that more than two entities (Groundwater Management Districts and the Chief Engineer) should be given decision-making authority. Representative Light seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-6.

Discussion resumed on the bill. Representative Powell moved to pass out **Substitute HB 2625** favorable as amended. Representative Light seconded. Motion passed.

The Chair opened consideration of **HB 2897 - commodity commission assessment rates; voting process; assessment refund process.** Representative Light moved to offer two amendments - the first on page 6, lines 5-6, eliminating language and inserting *one-half of one percent of the net market price received by the grower.* Representative Schroeder seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Light moved a second amendment - page 5, insert the words *and* and *including*; strike language on line 34, "showing the date, the recipient and the amount expended." Representative Gatewood seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion resumed on the bill with Representative Knox proposing an amendment to add language reading - *a detailed list of expenditures* on lines 33 and 34. Representative Svaty seconded. The motion failed.

Discussion resumed on the bill. Representative Schroeder offered an amendment to **HB 2897.** Representative Moxley seconded. Following discussion, a request was made to divide the motion. The Chair ruled the request for division is granted: Part A gives consideration to lines 16-20; Part B - lines 27 and 29-30. Voting on Part A, the committee passed the motion. After consideration and discussion on Part B, Representative Schroeder moved a substitute amendment, removing the words "and refund" from line 27. Representative Light seconded the motion. Replacing Representative Lukert's amendment, the substitute motion passed.

Returning to discussion of **HB 2897**, Representative Knox moved to have lines 26 and following return to

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the original language. Representative Light seconded the motion. Staff Gordon Self explained that removing the words "and refund" relates to what the commission has to furnish to first purchasers; the balloon is referring to the refund form, not the receipt form. Following discussion to clarify the issue, the motion passed.

In final consideration of **HB 2897**, Representative Knox moved to pass the bill out favorable as amended. Representative Grange seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2008, at 3:30 p.m.