

Approved: January 28, 2010  
Date

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 8:00 a.m. on January 20, 2010, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Proposed Resolution 9rs1398

**A Resolution urging the United States Department of Homeland Security to advance the sale of Plum Island Animal Disease Center and fully fund the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility.**

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Consensus of the committee the funding for NBAF should not rely on the sale of Plum Island.

Moved by Senator Owens, seconded by Rep. Menghini, to approve and adopt Resolution 9rs1398, contingent on approval by Tom Thornton. and resolution to start in the Senate. Motion carried.

Chairman Emler discussed the need to schedule a Kansas Security Committee meeting to hear the report and recommendations of Subcommittee members Rep. Tafanelli and Sen. McGinn on the study of Capitol Security with Capt. McCune. The meeting was set for January 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 142-S.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris  
Committee Assistant

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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY**  
**COMMITTEE GUEST LIST**  
**JANUARY 20, 2010**

NAME	REPRESENTING
Aue Peterre	K-State
Lindsay Howieck	Kansas Bioscience Authority

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

By Joint Committee on Kansas Security

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Homeland Security to advance the sale of Plum Island Animal Disease Center and fully fund the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility.

WHEREAS, In December 2008, the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, a bipartisan commission established by Congress, released its report entitled *World at Risk*; and

WHEREAS, One of the conclusions reached by the commission was that it was more likely than not that a weapon of mass destruction will be used in a terrorist attack in the world by the end of 2013. The commission also concluded that terrorists are more likely to be able to obtain and use a biological weapon than a nuclear one; and

WHEREAS, The Commission noted that in order to deter attacks, the United States needs to demonstrate through preparedness and public exercises that the nation is capable of blunting the impact and thwarting the terrorists objectives; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the U.S. government move more aggressively to address the threat of bioterrorism; and

WHEREAS, The Commission noted that the near-term biodefense goal of the United States should be to limit the consequences of a bioweapons attack. The long-term goal should be to improve post-attack capabilities for rapid recognition, response, and recovery to a level that bioterrorism would no longer be considered a weapon of mass destruction.

WHEREAS, It is vitally important to develop the capability to produce vaccines and therapeutics rapidly and less expensively than the United States can achieve now. Preparing for and mitigating the effects of bioweapons can prevent mass casualties, and reduce the incentives of

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terrorists to use them in the first place; and

WHEREAS, The Plum Island Animal Disease Center performs animal-disease research today, but is an aging facility and is ill equipped to meet modern requirements; and

WHEREAS, President Obama, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Agriculture are committed to building the NBAF at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, The NBAF will research biological threats by bringing together researchers from three government departments—Agriculture, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services—to combat foreign animal diseases, such as foot-and-mouth disease, and animal diseases that can infect humans, such as avian flu; and

WHEREAS, The NBAF will enhance protection from both natural and intentional threats by providing and integrating high-biosecurity facilities, thus increasing our nation's capacity to assess potential threats to both human and animal life; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security expects the NBAF to expand our country's ability to create drugs, vaccines, and other countermeasures against these diseases. This is part of the effort to modernize homeland security facilities and research to meet current and future national security needs; and

WHEREAS, The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 110-329) requires that, having chosen a site other than Plum Island New York, the Department of Homeland Security Secretary is to sell Plum Island through the General Services Administration. Proceeds of the sale shall be available for site acquisition, construction and costs related to the construction of the NBAF: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the State of Kansas: That we*

recognize the vital role the NBAF will play in the future to securing our country from natural and deliberate threats to our food supply, agricultural economy and public health posed by dangerous foreign animal diseases; that we urge the federal government to act aggressively in addressing the threats of bioterrorism; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we urge the United States Congress not to delay any appropriations for the construction of the NBAF and that the Department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration to move quickly to sell Plum Island; and

*Be it further resolved:* That copies of this resolution be provided to President Obama and Vice President Biden, Secretary Napolitano of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Secretary Vilsack of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Secretary Sebelius of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Kansas congressional delegation and Governor Mark Parkinson.