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SB 3 - Proponent Testimony

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Chairman Carpenter and Members of the Committee,

The *Silvisaurus condrayi* was discovered in 1955 in Ottawa County, on the farm owned and operated by Warren Condray and his family. Mr. Condray came across the unusual looking bones while trying to round up his cattle, after an overnight storm had scattered them throughout the pasture.

According to Dr. David Burnham, paleontologist at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum, discovering dinosaur bones anywhere is actually quite rare, and it is even more unusual to find specimens that are complete or near complete. The skull and much of the skeleton of the *Silvisaurus* were recovered making it one of the most unique fossils of its kind. This discovery of this dinosaur adds immeasurably to our state's already rich history and heritage.