

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 9:00 a.m. on January 27, 2012, in Room 783 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Michael Peterson (Unexcused)

Committee Staff Present:

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Joyce Hladky, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chris Wilson, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (Proponent)

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Powell welcomed the committee.

Chairman Powell requested action on **HB2502 amending the procedure for a county to grant permission to establish swine production facilities.** He asked Sean Ostrow of the Revisor of Statutes Office to provide a recap of the sections of the bill. Sean answered questions of the Committee. (Attachment 1)

Following Mr. Ostrow's review of the bill, *Representative Collins offered a motion to pass HB2502 out of Committee favorably. Representative Kerschen seconded the motion.*

Representative Brookens offered a Substitute HB2502. Copies of the amendment were distributed to the Committee. The amendment in Section 1 would essentially allow the county commission to request an election for the purpose of establishing a dairy production facility.

Chris Wilson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture, spoke in favor of the amendment on behalf of the Department. The Department believes it is preferable when counties may have options. The amendment would allow the county commission to bring the question to the public and allow the option for a vote.

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Representative Brookens moved the send **HB2502** out of Committee, as amended.
Representative Prescott seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued pro and con.

Representative Moxley offered a motion to table the discussion of **HB2502** until Tuesday,
January 31, 2012, to allow members to think about the bill and the proposed amendment over
the weekend. Motion seconded by Representative Wetta. When called to a vote, the motion
carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.