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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The joint meeting of the Senate Commerce Committee and House Commerce and Economic Development and Commerce Committee was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle at 12 noon on January 26, 2012, in the Old Supreme Court Chamber, Room 346-S at the Capitol.

All members were present except  
Senator Jay Emler - excused

### Committee staff present:

Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Assistant  
Mr. Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mr. Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mr. Chuck Reimer, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

### Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mr. Dale Rodman, Secretary, Department of Agriculture

### Others attending:

See attached list.

### **Kansas Bioscience Authority Audit**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Susan Wagle recognized Secretary Dale Rodman, Department of Agriculture, and asked him to explain his business experience and the role he played in the last few months regarding the KBA, to help the Committees have a better understanding of how this is evolving. He gave a brief work history including 39 years at Cargill, a global leader in Agro-business and as a result, has worked in six states and 40 countries.

He went on to say, on April 7, he was asked by Governor Brownback to be the point person for the Administration for the KBA audit and since that time he has been actively working with the BKD Auditors on this audit. He would like to say:

- 1.) We would not be here today if the KBA Board had done their job properly and those of you who led and voted to create the KBA should feel outraged that a golden opportunity that you helped create was taken away from your efforts.
- 2.) It is his belief that the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) and the University of Kansas Cancer Center would not be here today if the funding stream of the KBA had not been available.

He offered copies of letters written December 19 and December 28 that are strictly about performance results made by the KBA, including three basic issues: