

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derek Schmidt at 8:30 a.m. on March 12, 2003 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:                                 Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research  
  Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
  Judy Swanson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:         Kenlon Johannes, Kansas Soybean Association  
  Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Farm Bureau  
  Greg Foley, Department of Agriculture  
  Constantine Cotsoradis, Dept. of Agriculture  
  Wendy Harms, Kansas Aggregate Producers

Others attending:   See attached guest list

Kenlon Johannes, Kansas Soybean Association, testified in support of **HB 2036**, regarding misrepresentations of biodiesel fuel. (Attachment 1) He said a minimum of 2% content of biodiesel in a biodiesel blend is desirable. The Committee requested his list of 25 retailers who sell biodiesel. Biodiesel blend with 2% biodiesel will not separate, and it depends on the diesel fuel in regards to the gel point. Committee discussion followed.

Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Farm Bureau, supported **HB 2036**. (Attachment 2)

Greg Foley, Department of Agriculture, reviewed what impact **HB 2245**, standards of commercial weighing and measuring devices, would have on the Department of Agriculture. (Attachment 3)

Constantine Cotsoradis, Department of Agriculture, testified how they handle consumer complaints. They send an inspector to get a sample, then take the sample to their lab. Penalties are administrative penalties. The Department of Agriculture's legal department will work with Committee staff on the appropriate language in the bill concerning the person responsible for the percentage of biodiesel in the diesel blends.

Representative Doug Gatewood said he appreciated the Senate passing resolutions concerning biodiesel. He requested on page 2, line 5, that the Committee add the following: used motor oil or recycled motor oil and recycled cooking oil.

Wendy Harms, Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association, testified in favor of **HB 2245**. (Attachment 4)

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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