

Approved: July 21, 2006  
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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 11:10 A.M. on April 26, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Jay Emler- excused

Committee staff present:  
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Judy Bromich, Chief of Staff  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Constantine V. Cotsoradis, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Dennis Hupe, Director of Field Services, Kansas Soybean Association  
Brad Harrelson, State Policy Director, Kansas Farm Bureau Governmental Relations

Others attending:  
See attached list.

### **Bill Introduction**

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator McGinn, to introduce a bill designating a portion of United States Highway 69 as the Gordon Parks Memorial Highway. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of the following sets of minutes were distributed to the Committee for review:

February 2, 2006	February 6, 2006
March 1, 2006	March 3, 2006
March 8, 2006	March 10, 2006
March 13, 2006	March 15, 2006
March 20, 2006	March 21, 2006
March 23, 2006	March 31, 2006

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Taddiken, to approve the minutes of the meetings as listed above. Motion carried on a voice vote. Senator Wysong abstained from voting on the minutes of the meetings of February 6, 2006, and March 31, 2006.

Chairman Umbarger called the Committee's attention to consideration and discussion of:

### **HB 2520--Community mental health center licensure**

The hearing was held at an earlier meeting of the Committee and Staff provided a review of the bill. Committee discussion followed. Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Schmidt, to amend HB 2520 with language provided by the Revisor, on Page 2, Line 23, following the word accreditation, to add the language "the Secretary of SRS shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of Subsection C." Motion carried on a voice vote.

Following additional Committee discussion, the Chairman asked the groups to come together to prepare

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something for the 2007 Legislative Session, to visit with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and come with some clarity regarding the bill.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

### **HCR 5042--Urging support of the "25 x '25" initiative**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed the following conferees on the bill:

Constantine Cotsoradis, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture, testified in support of **HCR 5042 (Attachment 1)**. Mr. Cotsoradis explained that Secretary Polansky is a strong supporter of 25 by 25 for three reasons: it is voluntary, it is visionary and it is value added. He appreciated the opportunity to appear at the meeting as a proponent of the resolution supporting this national renewable energy movement.

Dennis Hupe, Director of Field Services, Kansas Soybean Association, spoke in support of **HCR 5042 (Attachment 2)**. Mr. Hupe explained that having traveled the state the last two years, promoting the use of biodiesel in agriculture, transportation, and by school districts as an alternative, renewable, and cleaner burning fuel, the attitudes of those that stop by to talk with him about biodiesel have changed. He noted that the United State's President Bush is on board and once it becomes a national goal, it can happen.

Written testimony was provided by Brad Harrelson, State Policy Director, Kansas Farm Bureau on **HCR 5042 (Attachment 3)**.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Schmidt, to recommend **HCR 5042** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. This was the last meeting for the Senate Ways and Means Committee for the 2006 Legislative Session.