

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on February 20, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Matt Todd, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Discussion continued on **SB 584–Transfer of food service and lodging duties to department of agriculture**. Senator Schmidt restated the motion to rename the Department of Agriculture the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Food Safety (Attachment 1).

Constantine Cotsoradis, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture, (KDA), addressed the issue of a name change and ways to incorporate in the name all the duties of the KDA.

Senator Schmidt withdrew the motion regarding the name change and requested that the KDA present to the Committee possibilities for a way to portray the many duties of the KDA in a name change, Senator Morris withdrew his second.

Senator Pine moved to pass SB 584 out of Committee, as amended, seconded by Senator Huelskamp. Motion passed. SB 584 will be reported as passed out favorably as amended.

Chairman Taddiken, said that Senator Pine, Susan Duffy, Executive Director, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC); Mike Hoeme, Director of Transportation, KCC, and Tom Stratton, Director of Litigation, KCC, met the day before to discuss exempting certain motor carriers from KCC rules and regulations. The policy (Attachment 2) from the KCC brings relief, but it does not address the issue of crossing state lines, and hauling diesel fuel or fertilizer. The KCC has asked if the stakeholders would be willing to meet with the KCC in an effort to resolve those issues. Chairman Taddiken said there will be no hearing on **SB 604 –Exempting certain motor carriers from KCC rules and regulations** today.

Susan Duffy, Executive Director, KCC and Captain Dan Meyer, Kansas Highway Patrol, answered questions from the Committee.

The meeting adjourned.