

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2479** be amended on page 2, following line 23, by inserting:

"(e) Within 90 days after the secretary makes an emergency declaration pursuant to this section, the secretary shall call a meeting of the state advisory committee to review and approve the emergency declaration. If the committee does not approve of such emergency declaration within such 90 days, the emergency declaration will no longer remain in effect.";

Also on page 2, in line 26, by striking "11" and inserting "13"; in line 34, by striking "11" and inserting "13";

On page 3, in line 7, by striking "and"; in line 9, after "council" by inserting ";

(8) one member shall represent a natural resource management professional from the Kansas biological survey and shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the director of the Kansas biological survey; and

(9) one member shall represent the Kansas pest control association and shall be appointed by the president of the Kansas pest control association";

Also on page 3, in line 26, by striking "six" and inserting "a majority"; in line 35, after "a" by inserting "science-based"; in line 36, before the semicolon by inserting ". Such assessment shall consider, at a minimum:

(A) The impact on the natural and agricultural environment, including potential toxicity to humans and livestock;

(B) the invasiveness of the species under consideration, determined based on the rate of

spread and the potential for, and methods of, dispersal; and

(C) the potential for infestation in the state";

On page 6, following line 3, by inserting:

"(d) Beginning on December 31, 2017, and on December 31 every fourth year thereafter, the secretary shall report to the chairperson of the house standing committee on agriculture and natural resources and the chairperson of the senate standing committee on agriculture a list of the weeds considered noxious by the rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary.";

On page 7, in line 42, before "paid" by inserting "borne as follows: The Kansas department of agriculture to pay not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ thereof from any funds available, not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ thereof to be";

On page 9, following line 34, by inserting:

"(c) The secretary of agriculture shall collect information from each county regarding county weed budgets and expenditures made by each county associated with weed control, including labor, equipment and chemical costs. The secretary shall report this information the the legislature annually.";

On page 13, in line 31, by striking "for each violation" and inserting "up to a maximum fine of \$2,500"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson