

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on February 17, 2009 in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Steve Morris- excused

Committee staff present:
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes Office
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken noted the Committee had received copies of the Senate Agriculture Committee meeting minutes for January 27 and 28 to review and act on later.

The Chairman also mentioned the fiscal note for **SB 185** had been distributed to each Committee member.

Chairman Taddiken recognized and welcomed members of the Young Stockmen's Association who are visiting the Committee. Each gave their name and hometown.

Chairman Taddiken said **SB 185** - Water rights, nonuse, due and sufficient cause, was scheduled for discussion and action. However, the Department of Agriculture (KDA), Division of Water Resources (DWR), has been working with some of the stakeholders on issues raised at the hearing. Chairman Taddiken has requested the bill be referred to an exempt committee.

Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes Office, reviewed **SB 203** - Secretary of agriculture, food safety and lodging program changes. The first amendments proposed by the KDA would add a subsection (d) page 2, line 7 which would authorize the secretary to receive lodging inspection reports from the national or chain hotels which are currently performed. The current subsection (d) would be changed to the new subsection (e). Mr. Thompson said the next amendment is on page 3, line 24, inserting language about fund raisers and exceptions in licensing for those events.

Another amendment is the deletion of language on page 3, line 41 to page 4, line 7 which clarifies that if a person is licensed under another registration or permit process by the KDHE it would not be necessary to be licensed under this statute.

Another change is an increase in the fee for a duplicate license from \$3 to \$5 on page 4, line 37.

Erik Wisner, Policy and Program Analyst, KDA, took questions from the Committee.

Steve Morris, Manager, KDA Food, Safety and Lodging Program, answered questions.

Senator Bruce moved adoption of the amendments proposed by KDA; seconded by Senator Huelskamp. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Senator Huelskamp moved that **SB 203** be passed as amended; seconded by Senator Bruce. Motion carried.

In the minutes of January 28 meeting there should be a change in the motion by Senator Bruce s "to introduce all three proposals as one bill" in place of "three bills". Senator Huelskamp moved approval of the Committee meeting minutes for January 27 and 28 (as corrected), seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2009.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Agriculture Committee at 8:30 a.m. on February 17, 2009 in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department, briefed the Committee on **SB 256** - Creating the pesticide safety education fee fund, which will be heard tomorrow. This bill would create a pesticide safety and education fee fund. The monies credited to this new fund would be expended solely for costs incurred by the Kansas cooperative extension service in coordination with the KDA to provide short courses and publications regarding the safe application of pesticides. Mr. Gilliland mentioned a technical issue on line 27 and 28 in reference to K.S.A. 2- 443a which should be K.S.A. 2-2443a.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.