

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derek Schmidt at 8:30 a.m. on February 25, 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: Don Teske, Kansas Farmers Union
 Ben Hopper, Kansas Dairy Association
 Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association

Others attending: See attached guest list

Senator Downey moved and Senator Huelskamp seconded a motion to approve the Minutes as written for the January 28, February 4, February 5, February 11, February 12, February 18 and February 19 Committee meetings. Motion carried.

Senator Tyson moved to amend **SB 145** by striking the Agriculture Advisory Board's responsibility of recommending candidates for the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture. Senator Lee seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Lee moved to report **SB 145** as amended favorably for passage. Senator Tyson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Taddiken made a motion to amend **SB 191** to apply a 10 cent cap on the differential on ethanol purchase the same as on biodiesel. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Umbarger moved to report **SB 191** as amended favorably for passage. Senator Downey seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Taddiken moved that **SCR 1604** be adopted. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Senator Schmidt moved to amend **SCR 1606** on line 9 by striking the words, "legislature of the". Senator Umbarger seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Senator Tyson moved that **SCR 1606** as amended be adopted. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Huelskamp reported on his work on **SB 131**, exclusion of livestock auction barns from confined feeding facility requirements. KDHE has some concern about how they are counting animals. After his study and work with Committee members, he suggested the bill be passed.

Senator Tyson moved to report **SB 131** favorably for passage. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion. The motion passed with Senator Downey voting NO.

Senator Umbarger moved to amend **SB 124** by striking the provisions of food services with Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture from the bill. Senator Downey seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Senator Lee moved to send a letter to the Legislative Coordinating Council requesting that **SB 124** as amended be the subject of a major interim study on food safety. Senator Downey seconded the motion, and the motion passed

SB 154, membership of the Kansas animal health board was considered.

Don Teske, Kansas Farmers Union, testified in favor of **SB 154**. (Attachment 1) He provided information concerning surrounding states' commission boards.

Written testimony in support of **SB 154** was received from Mike Schultz, Executive Director of Kansas Cattlemen's Association. (Attachment 2)

Ben Hopper, Kansas Dairy Association, opposed **SB 154**. (Attachment 3)

Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association, opposed **SB 154**. (Attachment 4) He testified that KLA has been prudent in the past, and the nominating procedure should not be changed.

George Teagarden, Kansas Animal Health Department, said that by statute it is an advisory board, and they discuss and approve regulations. They have no actual power except over the retention of his position.

Senator Downey suggested the Board do a self-examination. After further Committee discussion, no action was taken on the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.