

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 1:35 p.m. on March 27, 2000, in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Aurand - excused  
Representative Faber - excused  
Representative Freeborn - excused  
Representative Schwartz - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Jamie Clover Adams, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Others attending: See attached list

Minutes of the March 8, 20 and 24 meetings were distributed. Chairman Johnson asked members to notify the committee secretary of any corrections or additions prior to 5:00 p.m., March 28, or they will be considered approved as presented.

**Hearing and action on SB 664 - Certain agriculture inspection fees, plant pest activities funding.**

Chairman Johnson opened the hearing on **SB 664** and asked Raney Gilliland to brief the committee on the bill. It was explained that this bill, as drafted, was identical to **HB 3026** that would allow the fees from the feeding stuffs fee fund, fertilizer inspection fee fund, and the agricultural liming materials fee fund to be used to fund plant pest activities, not to exceed \$75,000 per year from each fee fund, which passed the House.

Mr. Gilliland explained the Senate amendments to **SB 664**. The transfers are limited to FY 2001; the transfer amounts from the feeding stuffs fee fund and the fertilizer fee fund are limited to \$35,000, each; and the transfer amount from the agricultural liming materials fee fund is limited to \$5,000. Language which permitted \$100,000 of fertilizer inspection fee fund money to be used to conduct a pesticide use survey was stricken from the bill since the survey will be nearly completed by the time the bill goes into effect.

Jamie Clover Adams, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture, endorsed the transfer limitations set by the Senate; however, she asked the committee to consider extending the time limit to two fiscal years, instead of one. She reported that the pesticide use survey was on track and that she had no problem with that language being stricken from the bill.

The Chairman closed the hearing and opened **SB 664** for discussion.

Representative Flower moved to make the necessary changes in **SB 664** on page 1, in line 29, and on page 3, in lines 6 and 18, to make the provisions of the bill effective for two fiscal years. Seconded by Representative Dahl, the motion carried.

Representative Showalter, moved to pass **SB 664** favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Flower. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.