

HB2644 Sandhill Plum For Kansas State Fruit
House Federal and State Affairs Committee
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I would like to thank Chairman Barker for letting me speak here today. I am Brantley Bunck and I am speaking on behalf of the fifth grade of Sabetha Elementary school . I am a proponent of Bill HB 2644. We have 24 schools helping us with this bill. When we had a Kansas school vote on a state fruit, the Sandhill plum had won. I personally voted for the Sandhill plum.

Now, I know what you're thinking, how can a bunch of fifth graders pass a bill? Well think again, we know a lot more than you think. I think the Sandhill plum should be our state fruit because it's native to Kansas. The research we had to do was a mile long.

In fourth grade a local state representative, Randy Garber, came and spoke to us about a state fruit bill and the process involved. We also had a fellow named Doug Grimm who is the owner of Grimm's Gardens which is outside of Sabetha. He came and talked to us about the fruits around here and how they help wildlife in Kansas.

I feel that Kansas should have a state fruit because 28 other states have state fruits! Actually, 28 is over half of the states in the United States. So it wouldn't be fair if Kansas didn't have a state fruit. And we live in a fair country. That is why I think Kansas should have a state fruit.

Thank you for your time.