

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derek Schmidt at 2:15 p.m. on April 26, 2001 at the Rail of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
 Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
 Betty Bomar, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

Senate Substitute for Sub HB 2468 - concerning animal diseases

The Agriculture Subcommittee recommended the language in **Sub HB 2468**, be stricken and the language contained in **lrs1287** be inserted. (Attachment 1)

The new language 1) requires the Governor to direct the livestock commissioner to establish a quarantine upon a determination by the Governor that a quarantine or other regulations are necessary to prevent the spread of any contagious or infectious disease among domestic animals; 2) allows the Governor to require and direct the cooperation and assistance of any state agency in enforcing any quarantine or other regulations relating to the spread of any contagious or infectious disease among domestic animals; 3) allows the livestock commissioner's designee to enter any grounds or premise to carry out the provisions of law relating to a quarantine; 4) clarifies that with respect to animals which may be killed or disposed of that are exposed to or afflicted with the food and mouth disease, the appraisalment is to be conducted in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of an indemnity program of the federal government; 5) deletes language which had indicated that the State of Kansas would be responsible for one-half of the compensation of the owners of animals disposed of because of their affliction with foot and mouth disease; 6) makes a person who knowingly exposes any animal to foot and mouth disease subject to a severity level 4, nonperson felony; 8) prohibits the feeding of garbage to animals, except that any person properly registered with the Kansas Animal Health Department to feed garbage to livestock would be permitted to do so through October 31, 2001; 9) allows the governor to issue a proclamation declaring a state of disaster emergency upon a finding or when notified that a quarantine or other regulations are necessary to prevent the spread of any contagious or infectious disease among domestic animals; 10) provides for the extension of the gubernatorial disaster emergency declaration if the declaration involves contagious or infectious disease among domestic animals. (The bill requires the Governor to terminate the declaration within 15 days, unless ratified by concurrent resolution of the Legislature. If the Legislature is not in session then the majority of the legislative members of the State Finance Council could approve an extension for a period not to exceed 30-days, which may be renewed for consecutive 30-day periods. The emergency disaster would terminate on the 15th day of the next regular session unless ratified by concurrent resolution of the Legislature; and 11) amends the definition of "disaster" in the section of law dealing with the Division of Emergency Management to include contagious or infectious disease.

Senator Umbarger moved, seconded by Senator Tyson that the subcommittee report be accepted and that Senate Substitute for SubHB 2468 be recommended favorably for passage. The voice vote was in support of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m

No further meetings are anticipated.