

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The committee met at 3:30 p.m. on January 31, 2005, to travel by bus to Kansas State University in Manhattan.

All members were present except:

- Representative John Faber- excused
- Representative Bill Feuerborn- excused
- Representative Joann Freeborn- excused
- Representative Bruce Larkin- excused
- Representative Larry Powell- excused
- Representative Ted Powers- excused
- Representative Judy Showalter- excused
- Representative Jerry Williams- excused

Committee staff present:

- Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- George Teagarden, Kansas Livestock Commissioner
- Dr. Kevin Varner, USDA veterinarian for Kansas
- Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean, College of Agriculture/Director, K-State Research and Extension
- Dr. Ralph Richardson, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dr. Larry Hollis, Extension State Leader, Animal Sciences and Industry
- Dr. Don Robertson, Associate Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dr. Cliff Cain, Abbott Laboratories
- Dr. M. M. Chengappa, Director, Food Animal Health and Management Center
- Brian Barnhardt, M. S. Student, Animal Sciences and Industry
- Annette Bryant, M. S. Student, Animal Sciences and Industry

Representative Lana Gordon, Chairperson, Representative Mark Treaster, Representative Sydney Carlin, and Representative Deena Horst of the House Economic Development Committee joined the committee on the bus trip to Manhattan. George Teagarden, Kansas Livestock Commissioner; Debra Duncan, Kansas Animal Health Department; Dr. Kevin Varner, USDA veterinarian for Kansas; Allie Devine, Kansas Livestock Association; and two student interns were also in attendance.

George Teagarden, Kansas Livestock Commissioner, and Dr. Kevin Varner, USDA veterinarian for Kansas, briefed the committee on BSE, animal identification and premises registration issues on the bus trip to Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Dr. Ralph Richardson, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean, College of Agriculture/Director, K-State Research and Extension, welcomed the members of the legislature to the Practice Management Center located in the Veterinary Medicine Complex at Kansas State University.

Dr. Larry Hollis, Extension State Leader, Animal Sciences and Industry, discussed BSE and introduced a 30-minute video.

Dr. Don Robertson, Associate Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, introduced Cliff Cain of Abbott Laboratories. Abbott Laboratories donated the bulk of the University's BSE testing equipment.

Cliff Cain, Abbott Laboratories, spoke on *BSE Testing in the United States and the World*.

Dr. M. M. Chengappa, Director, Food Animal Health and Management Center, led the group on a tour of the BSE testing laboratory and adjacent laboratories.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Agriculture Committee at 3:30 p.m. on January 31, 2005.

Dr. Ralph Richardson, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, conducted a briefing on *Zoonotic Diseases*.

Dr. Larry Hollis, Extension State Leader, Animal Sciences and Industry, discussed *Electronic Animal Identification Implementation*. Dr. Hollis and two M. S. students in Animal Sciences and Industry, Brian Barnhardt and Annette Bryant, demonstrated ear tags and tag reading devices.

The tour group returned to the Practice Management Center for dinner and a question and answer session.

Following dinner, legislators boarded the bus for the return trip to Topeka. The next regular meeting of the House Agriculture Committee is scheduled for February 2, 2005.



Dr. Ralph Richardson, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, and Chairman Dan Johnson.



Dr. Larry Hollis, Extension State Leader, Animal Sciences and Industry, speaking before the group.