

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on January 19, 2000, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

 Jamie Clover-Adams, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2000 meeting as submitted. Senator Umbarger seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Stephens requested introduction of a bill that would allow an eligible farming business to take a credit against the tax liability imposed under the Kansas Income Tax Act in an amount equal to any amount paid to the farm service agency of the United States Department of Agriculture as a guaranty fee paid to the agency in the process of obtaining a guaranteed operating loan (Attachment 1).

Senator Stephens made a motion to introduce this bill and Senator Huelskamp seconded. Motion carried.

Jamie Clover-Adams, Secretary of Agriculture, provided a written Confirmation Statement (Attachment 2) and answered questions from the Committee.

A letter from the Kansas Agricultural Alliance in support of the nomination of Jamie Clover-Adams was handed out (Attachment 3).

Senator Umbarger made a motion that the Committee recommend to the Senate of the Whole the confirmation of Jamie Clover-Adams as Secretary of Agriculture. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2000.