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MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on February 21, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Garret Love - excused

Senator Steve Morris- excused

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken noted the Committee had copies of the minutes for January 24 & 25 and would be acted on later.

Discussion began on **SB 357- Wind erosion; duties of county commissioners, conservation districts.** David Wiese reviewed the proposed amendments from Riley County and the Kansas Farm Bureau. (Attachment 1)

Senator Ostmeyer made a motion to accept the proposed amendment as printed as well as deleting "on the effective date of this act" on page 3, and adding the date of July 1, 2012. Motion seconded by Senator Francisco. Motion carried.

Senator Teichman made a motion to pass SB 357 out of Committee favorably, as amended; seconded by Senator Francisco. Motion carried.

SB 302—Amendments to the Kansas Meat and Poultry Inspection Act

Tom Kessinger, President, Kansas Meat Processors Association (KMPA), requested a written statement regarding **SB 302** be submitted into the public record. (Attachment 2)

Staff reviewed the amendments proposed by the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the KMPA. (Attachment 3) Eric Wisner, KDA, answered questions regarding parts of the proposed amendment. Chris Wilson, KDA, said another proposed amendment was to strike lines 15, 16, and 17, paragraph (ee) on page 8.

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Senator Teichman made a motion to accept the proposed amendments, plus the proposed changes on page 8. Motion seconded by Senator Bruce. There was discussion on the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Abrams had an additional proposed amendment. (Attachment 4) Eric Wisner, KDA, and Chris Wilson, KDA, took questions from the Committee. Senator Abrams made a motion to strike "or the secretary's authorized representative" on lines 42 and 43; seconded by Senator Pyle. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the required time that records must be maintained. Eric Wisner, KDA, answered questions regarding this issue. Senator Abrams withdrew the proposed amendment for records to be kept for 60 days. Senator Francisco made a motion to change "may" to "shall" on page 12, line 14; seconded by Senator Abrams. Discussion was held on the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Abrams made a motion to pass SB 302 out of Committee, favorably as amended; seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion passed.

Discussion was begun on **HB 2502 – Amending the procedure for a county to grant permission to establish swine production facilities.**

Senator Teichman made a motion that a protest petition must be signed by 10% of the qualified county electors; Senator Abrams seconded the motion. There was discussion but no action taken on the motion.

Senator Teichman moved approval of the January 24 and 25th minutes; seconded by Senator King. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.