

Approved: March 7, 2006
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on March 1, 2006 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Derek Schmidt- excused

Committee staff present:
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Seitz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

The hearing on **HB 2484–Vendors and transient merchant licenses and fees, exceptions** was opened. Mr. Gilliland reviewed the bill. This bill is a carry over bill; introduced during the 2005 Legislative session. This bill did not go to the House Agriculture Committee but was referred to the House Governmental Organization and Elections Committee. It concerns fees for producers, growers or agents in the sale of farm, agricultural or garden products at farmers markets and those kinds of locations in the state. The bill also restates the current law that the city may require the producers or growers to have a permit or license; but the city is prohibited from imposing any kind of fee against the producer, grower or agent. The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to extend the period of the license or permit from 60 days to not less than six (6) months.

Committee members discussed Farmer's markets in their areas. A discussion was also held on the history of the bill.

No conferees appeared on **HB 2484**.

The hearing on **HB 2484** was closed.

The Committee adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

The next Committee meeting is March 7.