

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on March 21, 2006 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Proponents:  
Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association  
Mike Hayden, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken called attention to two sets of minutes (March 14 & 15) for Committee review. Action will taken on the minutes at the end of the meeting.

Chairman Taddiken opened the continuation of hearings on **HB 2899—Penalties related to certain actions involving feral swine.**

Mike Beam offered testimony in support of **HB 2899**. His testimony was handed out at the March 14 meeting (Attachment 1). He said the feral swine carry infectious diseases and can damage riparian areas and crop fields.

Mike Hayden spoke in favor of **HB 2899** (Attachment 2). He said that feral swine are a threat to domestic livestock and the environment. The KDWP requests that in Section 1(k) of the bill be revised by striking the language, “or persons designated by such owners or legal occupants.” They believe this will create a loophole in the law which will allow and perhaps even encourage sport hunting of feral swine.

Chairman Taddiken noted the Committee has suggested amendments to the bill from the Kansas Livestock Commissioner (Attachment 3). Secretary Hayden spoke to the licensing of hunters and that it might become a license to sport hunt.

Secretary Hayden stood for questions.

Hearings were closed on **HB 2899**.

Discussions were held on **HB 2899**.

Senator Lee made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments from the Kansas Livestock Commissioner. Motion seconded by Senator Francisco. There was discussion on the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Lee moved that **HB 2899** be passed as amended. Motion seconded by Senator Francisco. Discussion was held on the motion and the issue of penalty. The motion was withdrawn.

Senator Pine made a substitute motion to amend **HB 2899** in Section 1(k) to include owners or their employees. Motion seconded by Senator Huelskamp. Motion was discussed. Motion passed.

Senator Francisco moved that “persons designated by such owners” be deleted from the balloon. There was no second.

Chris Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks stood for questions regarding the fine schedule.

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Senator Schmidt made a motion that the fine be set at not under \$250 and not more than \$2,500; seconded by Senator Morris. Motion passed.

Senator Morris moved that **HB 2899** be passed, as amended. Motion seconded by Senator Pine. Motion passed.

**HB 2899** will be reported passed as amended.

Discussions were opened on **HB 2836–Revisions to Kansas egg law**. Senator Francisco made a motion to change the wording on page 7, line 26 and 27 to say “50 or fewer” instead of “50 or less.” Senator Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Bruce moved that **HB 2836** be passed as amended. Senator Francisco seconded the motion. Senator Ostmeyer requested that the minutes reflect that this bill will not affect the people in the 40<sup>th</sup> District who use their own eggs to make bierocks and cookies. Motion passed.

Discussion was opened on **HB 2432–Liability of property owners of land adjacent to recreational trails**. Senator Huelskamp made a motion to strike (b), (c) and (d) in the proposed amendment. Frank Meyer, Kansas Rails - Trails Conservancy, took questions. Senator Ostmeyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Senator Ostmeyer moved to pass **HB 2432** as amended. Motion seconded by Senator Huelskamp. Motion passed.

**HB 2432** will be reported passed, as amended.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 14 and 15 meeting was made by Senator Schmidt; seconded by Senator Pine. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30a.m. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, March 22.