

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Garrett Love at 8:38am on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Fran Lusk, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairman Love turned the Committee's attention to **HB2480-amendments to livestock brand law.**

Senator Knox moved, Senator Francisco seconded, to amend to remove "sheep, goats" (1)(24)(b), and remove "and, also in the case of sheep shall include the identifying marks made by paint or tar" (1)(27-28). Motion approved. ([Attachment 1](#))

Senator Knox moved, Senator Holmes seconded, to add "a nondrug severity level 6, nonperson" after of, (5)(41-43), and remove "and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by confinement in the custody of the secretary of corrections for a period no exceeding five years (5)(41-43). Motion approved. ([Attachment 2](#))

Senator Francisco moved, Senator Knox seconded, to remove "except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning" (1)(20-21). Motion approved. ([Attachment 3](#))

Senator Knox moved, Senator Francisco seconded, to approve **HB2480** as amended. Motion approved.

Action closed for **HB2480**.

Informational briefing: Secretary Jackie McClaskey, Department of Agriculture

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture, gave an update on the Department of Agriculture.

The following items were highlighted:

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Agriculture at 8:38am on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

- Serving Kansas farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and the consumers/customers.
- Providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy.
- Advocating for and promoting the agriculture industry, the state's largest industry, employer and economic contributor.
- Helping to ensure a safe food supply, protecting natural resources, promoting public health and safety, protecting animal health, and providing consumer protection.
- Water Vision - Implementation of the Phase 1 action items.
- Invisible Fire - A strategic plan to respond to animal disease outbreak in the state.
- Developing additional agriculture exports.
- Work force shortage - promoting career and technology jobs within the state.
- American Royal Project - possible building of a new arena and stables. Using this facility for other uses besides livestock. ([Attachment 4](#))

Secretary McClaskey stood for questions.

Chairman Love closed the meeting at 9:25am.