

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 3:30 P.M. on January 29, 2007 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman recognized Woody Moses, who introduced a bill regarding the amending of the levy law. There being no objections, the bill will be introduced.

Hearing on HB 2145

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB2145** introducing Constantine Cotsoradis, Deputy Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture to testify in support of the bill (Attachment 1). He said annual tests of vehicle tank meters used to deliver fuel to farms is important to guarantee the correct measure of fuel for the amount of money paid by the consumer. At present only two service companies are available in Kansas limiting the number of meters tested on an annual basis. The bill requests the current petroleum inspection fee fund to pay for existing staff to conduct the tests. Mr. Cotsoradis indicated the number of meter tests conducted could be significantly increased up to 1,300 by the year 2009.

The Chairman recommended committee members speak with staff from the Department of Agriculture, or to Tom Palace, Petroleum Marketers Association for further information and answers to questions.

Vice-Chairman Knox requested the remaining time be given to the sub-committee for work on the pesticide licensure issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.