

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derek Schmidt at 8:30 a.m. on February 11, 2003 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Morris, excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Shannon Stone, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Greg Foley, Department of Agriculture
Janet McPherson, Kansas Farm Bureau

Others attending: See attached guest list

Senator Huelskamp testified on behalf of **SB 135**, concerning meat and poultry inspections. (Attachment 1) The bill would exempt buffalo or domesticated deer as they are slaughtered for sport or recreational purpose from the definition of livestock.

Greg Foley, Kansas Department of Agriculture, testified in favor of **SB 135**. (Attachment 2)

Senator Umbarger moved to separate SB 135 into three bills. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research, gave an overview of **SB 124**, reorganization of the Department of Agriculture.

Greg Foley, Kansas Department of Agriculture, testified on **SB 124**. (Attachment 3) He said that they are currently a regulatory agency, however they are willing to look at the programs and proposal more deeply. He attached an organizational chart the Agency with his testimony. Committee discussion followed.

Janet McPherson, Kansas Farm Bureau testified they support the current organization of KDHE, maintaining a Division of Health and a Division of Environment, but do not have a policy statement concerning program-level specifics regarding movement of additional programs into a Department of Agriculture and Food Safety. (Attachment 4)

Committee discussion followed testimony.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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