

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on February 21, 2007 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Gavin Young, Director of Public Affairs, Department of Administration,

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken welcomed the Kansas Grain and Feed Association Leadership Class to the meeting. Each visitor gave their name and town.

The chairman noted minutes for February 13 and 14 were distributed and will be acted upon later in the meeting.

Discussion was begun on **SB 262 - Motor vehicles purchases by state agencies; E85 fuels.**

Chairman Taddiken said that copies of **SB 262** with amendments have been distributed (Attachment 1). The Committee also received copies of the Fiscal Note on the bill.

Senator Schmidt moved to add a section regarding the leasing of vehicles in a different paragraph added to paragraph (b) whenever any state agency leases a motor vehicle, the state agency shall lease a motor vehicle which utilizes E85 fuels unless no suitable model utilizes the E85 is available for lease. Senator Ostmeyer seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion was held.

Gavin Young, Director of Public Affairs, Department of Administration, answered questions from the Committee.

Motion passed.

Chairman Taddiken moved the deletion of "this" in front of subsection in paragraph (b) and the addition of (a) after subsection. Seconded by Senator Huelskamp. Motion carried.

Senator Huelskamp made a motion to give agency's flexibility in regard to paying more than \$250 extra for a flex-fuel vehicle (FFV) if the extra money is in their budget. Motion seconded by Senator Pine. Motion carried.

Senator Lee moved the passage of **SB 262** out favorably as amended. Seconded by Senator Schmidt. Motion passed.

Senator Schmidt moved the approval of the minutes of the February 13 and 14 meeting. Seconded by Senator Huelskamp. Motion passed.

Senator Schmidt said that on Tuesday, February 27 the Senate will meet at 8:30 a.m. in order to accommodate those who are going on the Bioscience Tour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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