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MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derek Schmidt at 8:30 a.m. on May 1, 2003 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Swanson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Adrian Polansky, Secretary of Agriculture

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Schmidt opened the confirmation hearing for Adrian Polansky's appointment by the Governor as Secretary of the State Department of Agriculture. Committee members were furnished with copies of information regarding the confirmation.

Adrain Polansky presented remarks to the Committee. (Attachment 1) In response to Chairman Schmidt's request, he also provided Opinion No. 2003-06 from the Governmental Ethics Commission regarding regulations concerning his ownership in Polansky Seed Company and recusal from regulatory functions relating to that company, and the procedures that are set in place for such. (Attachment 2)

Committee members asked questions and made comments on the Department of Agriculture and how Secretary Polansky would be involved. Members concurred that he had an excellent agriculture background for this job.

A written statement from Chris Wilson, Kansas Seed Industry Association, Agricultural Aviation Association, Building Industry Association & Dairy Association, was received in support of Polansky's confirmation. (Attachment 3)

Senator Huelskamp moved to recommend the confirmation of Adrian Polansky as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion, and the motion passed with no opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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