

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2006 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Steve Morris - excused

Derek Schmidt - excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research

Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research

Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Judy Seitz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Proponent:

Constantine V. Cotsoradis, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken welcomed members of the Kansas Livestock Association Leadership Class.

Chairman Taddiken said that **SB 392** had been scheduled for hearings tomorrow. However, since it was assigned to Elections and Local Government it will not be heard in this Committee. Hearings are scheduled on **SB 392** at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 25.

Constantine Cotsoradis, KDA, asked for introduction of a bill to amend K.S.A. 2-2118. This statute currently provides that persons may request plant protection program to certify plant or plant products for export. Currently, the KDA charges \$50.00 for issuing a certificate and the federal government may start assessing the KDA \$16.00 for the actual certificate. He said the KDA would like to amend the statute to allow the KDA to charge the \$50.00 plus any amount charged by the federal government.

Motion was made by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Pine. Motion carried.

Senator Lee introduced a bill allowing out of state hunters to purchase over-the-counter deer tags. Senator Lee made a motion to introduce a bill regarding deer tags. Senator Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Taddiken opened the hearing on **SB 325 - Repeal of aquaculture advisory council**. Constantine Cotsoradis testified in favor of **SB 325**. Mr. Cotsoradis said that in the past the aquaculture industry did not want to participate in the council and the industry leaders are still not interested in a state-initiated group. Mr. Cotsoradis stood for questions.

Mr. Gilliland noted that even though this change will delete the council; it does not take away the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to work with the aquaculture industry in the state.

The hearings on **SB 325** were closed.

Senator Huelskamp moved to report **SB 325** favorably. Senator Pine seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed. **SB 325** will be reported favorably.

The Chairman said that there will be hearings tomorrow on **SB 387 - Requiring motor fuels sold in Kansas to contain ethanol or biodiesel**. Several bills in the Committee have been introduced as a result of the Select Joint Committee on Energy. He said these bill would be heard separately even though they overlap.

Members of the Kansas Livestock Association Leadership Class introduced themselves and their counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m. The next meeting will be held January 25.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Agriculture at 8:30 A.M. on January 24, 2006 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.