

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on February 1, 2000, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
 Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
 Nancy Kippes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

George Teagarden, Livestock Commissioner, Animal Health Department
Tom Tunnell, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Association
Clay David Woolfolk, Jr., President and CEO, Farm Credit Services of Northeast Kansas
Joe Lieber, Executive Vice President, Kansas Cooperative Council
Representative Sharon Schwartz

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Umbarger made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2000 meeting. Senator Stephens seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Biggs made a motion to introduce a bill that would create the Center for Excellence at Kansas-State to research alternative crops. Senator Stephens seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Clark made a motion to introduce a bill restricting packer ownership of livestock. Senator Biggs seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Clark made a motion to introduce a bill allowing the Attorney General greater flexibility to pursue anti-trust violations. Senator Stephens seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Clark made a motion to introduce a bill to enact legislation providing rights for agricultural contracts. Senator Biggs seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Clark made a motion to introduce a bill that would amend the home rule authority for counties, which was modified in 1998 HB 2950. Senator Biggs seconded. The motion carried.

George Teagarden, Livestock Commissioner, Animal Health Department, requested a bill be introduced to use electronic auctions as livestock markets and one that would allow the department to charge a minimal inspection fee. Senator Umbarger made a motion to introduce both bills. Senator Stephens seconded. The motion carried.

Tom Tunnell, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Association, requested introduction of a bill concerning the Warehouse Act that would make it consistent with the federal law. Senator Umbarger made a motion to introduce the bill and Senator Huelskamp seconded. The motion carried.

Continued hearing on:

HB 2527 - concerning state moneys; providing for agricultural production loans

Clay David Woolfolk, Jr., President and CEO, Farm Credit Services of Northeast Kansas, testified in support of **HB 2527** with the inclusion of the Farm Credit Services (Attachment 1). He addressed the reasons why Farm Credit institutions should be included in the Kansas Agricultural Production Loan

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Deposit Program, as well as answered questions asked at the hearing on **HB 2527** on January 27, 2000.

Joe Lieber, Executive Vice President, Kansas Cooperative Council, testified in support of **HB 2527**, reminding that the banks are cooperatives and are owned by the people who use their services, and the directors are farmers and ranchers (Attachment 2). Mr. Lieber advised that currently, if a vendor has to file a lien on inputs that lien is secondary behind the lenders.

Chuck Stones, Kansas Bankers Association, expressed some concerns, noting that **HB 2527** is not a banking bill.

Derl Treff, Director of Investments of Pooled Money Investment Board, provided answers to some previously asked questions at the January 27, 2000 meeting.

Representative Schwartz responded to questions pertaining to **HB 2527** by defining “person” and “operating loan” and deleting the sunset provision as requested of her at the hearing on January 27, 2000 (Attachment 3).

The hearing and possible action on **HB 2527** was continued.

The next meeting is February 2, 2000.