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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on March 11, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Matt Todd, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Duane Simpson, Chief Operating Officer & Vice President, Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA)  
Constantine Cotsoradis, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)

Others attending:

See attached list.

The hearing on **HB 2860—Registration of petroleum products inspection fees** was opened.

Duane Simpson, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President, Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), spoke in favor of **HB 2860 (Attachment 1)**. This bill would give the Secretary of Agriculture the authority, through rules and regulations, to extend the pesticide registrations from the current maximum length of 1 year to up to 3 years. This bill would also reduce the unnecessary amount of paperwork that is filed by the registrants and the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Simpson offered to stand for questions.

Constantine Cotsoradis, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) offered testimony in support of **HB 2860 (Attachment 2)**. This bill would authorize the secretary of agriculture to adopt rules and regulations to allow pesticide products to be registered for periods from one year up to three years.

There were no questions for Deputy Secretary Cotsoradis.

There were no opponents.

The hearing on **HB 2860** was closed.

Chairman Taddiken opened discussion on **SB 559—Water supply and distribution districts, acquisition of grounds**. Copies of an e-mail from the Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, answering questions regarding **SB 559** was distributed to the Committee (**Attachment 3**).

**Senator Schmidt moved the adoption of the language in the Substitute for SB 559, seconded by Senator Pine.**

**Senator Schmidt moved to adopt the language of the Substitute for SB 559 and amend the adopted language by inserting item (4) and using language borrowed from the current economic development taking a statute that creates a similar exception, basically that the legislature, by law, specifically approves an individual case and identifies the parcel; seconded by Senator Ostmeyer.**

**After discussion Senator Schmidt withdrew his motion; Senator Ostmeyer withdrew his second.**

**Senator Schmidt moved to adopt Substitute for SB 559; seconded by Senator Huelskamp; motion adopted.**

**Senator Schmidt moved to amend the substitute language by striking the phrase “and the proposed place of use” in Section 1(a); seconded by Senator Francisco. Motion carried.**

**Senator Schmidt moved to amend the Substitute language in Section 1(a) (1) by replacing “prior to the**

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effective date of this act” with prior to January 1, 2008.”; seconded by Senator Huelskamp. Motion carried..

The Committee stopped working on **SB 559**.

Discussion was begun on **HB 2660**–Payment of petroleum products inspection fees.

Senator Schmidt moved to amend **HB 2660** by inserting into it the contents of **HB 2860**–**Registration of petroleum products inspection fees**; seconded by Senator Lee. Motion carried.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to move **HB 2660** as amended, out of Committee favorably,;seconded by Senator Lee.

Senator Francisco made a substitute motion to change the fee funds in **HB 2660** from \$100,000 to \$200,000; seconded by Senator Lee. Motion failed.

The Committee returned to the original motion made by Senator Schmidt to pass **HB 2660** out favorably as amended, seconded by Senator Lee. Motion passed.

The Committee returned to amended **Substitute for SB 559**.

Senator Morris made a motion strike the contents of **HB 2860** and put in the amended **Substitute SB 559** language, creating **Senate Substitute for HB 2860**, and to pass the Substitute out favorably; seconded by Senator Lee. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.