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MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on January 23, 2007 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Janis Lee- excused
Derek Schmidt- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office
DeWayne Craghead, Hodgeman County Extension Agent

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken welcomed members of the Kansas Livestock Association Leadership Conference to the Committee meeting and asked each visitor to give their name and where they are from.

Chairman Taddiken moved the introduction of a resolution (a Committee resolution)to allow interstate marketing of state inspected meat. Seconded by Senator Huelskamp. Motion passed.

The hearing on **SB - 60- Conservation districts, funding was continued.** Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, presented testimony in favor of **SB 60 (Attachment 1)**. He said the additional funds are needed in order for conservation districts to deliver various statewide programs.

Mr. Streeter offered to stand for questions.

No opponents appeared on **SB 60.**

Hearings on **SB 60** were closed.

Senator Francisco moved that **SB 60** be passed out favorably. Seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. Discussion on the bill was held. Motion passed to report **SB 60** passed out of Committee favorably.

Senator Taddiken noted that the Committee has a copy of a Resolution passed by the State Association of Kansas Watersheds (SAKW) in support of **SB 60 (Attachment 2)**.

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research, reviewed **SB 19 - County fairs levy for buildings and grounds and maintenance.** A bill was introduced in 2006 to repeal K.S.A.2-131d. The bill was heard in this Committee last year and referred to an interim committee for further study.

DeWayne Craghead, Hodgeman County Extension Agent, spoke in favor of **SB 19 (Attachment 3)**. He said the statute was created in 1951 and \$3,000 does not go as far as it once did. **SB 19** would increase the levy to a maximum of \$33,000.

Mr. Craghead offered to stand for questions.

No opponents to **SB 19** appeared. The hearing was closed on **SB 19.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

The next meeting will be held January 24 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 423-S.