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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 4, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Tim Huelskamp- excused
Ralph Ostmeyer- excused
Derek Schmidt- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, 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:

Constantine Cotsoradis, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)
Tom Palace, Executive Director, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA of Kansas)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken noted that the meeting minutes for February 5 and 12 were distributed and will be acted on later.

The hearing was opened on **HB 2660–Payment of petroleum products inspection fees.**

Constantine Cotsoradis, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA), offered testimony in support of **HB 2660** (Attachment 1). This bill would reduce from \$250,000 to \$100,000, the amount of money the Department of Revenue (DOR) keeps for the State General Fund (SGF) from fees collected for the Petroleum Industry Fee Fund (PIFF). This change is needed to keep the program at current service levels without raising fees.

Mr. Cotsoradis stood for questions.

Tom Palace, Executive Director, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA of Kansas), testified in support of **HB 2660** (Attachment 2). The fees collected under the PIFF are used to run the Weights and Measures Division to inspect fueling dispensers for fuel quality and quantity. This amendment to the statute relating the PIFF would reduce the amount of funds going into the State General Fund.

Mr. Palace took questions from the Committee.

There were no opponents to **HB 2660** and the hearing was closed.

Senator Francisco made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5 and 12 meeting; seconded by Senator Pine. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.