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MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:40 a.m. on February 9, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Steve Morris - excused

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Younker, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Greg Krissek, Director of Governmental Affairs, ICM
Mike Chisam, General Manager, Kansas Ethanol and Chairman, Kansas Association of Ethanol Processors (KAEP)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Greg Krissek, Director of Governmental Affairs, ICM, presented an overview of the ethanol industry in the United States ([Attachment 1](#)). He stated that there are currently 200 ethanol production facilities in the U.S. and have grown from approximately 1% of the gasoline pool to 9 1/2% of the gasoline pool; which means 95% of all gallons of gasoline in the U.S. contain 10% ethanol. He discussed the federal renewable fuels standard (RFS2) laid out in 2007 with the goal of getting to approximately 36 billion gallons of biofuels in the gasoline pool by 2022.

Mr. Krissek noted the regulatory hurdles to overcome before E15 can be sold. The blender pump offers the consumer a blend choice for use in flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) and will be the market access mechanism that will allow the ethanol industry to compete in this market and move away from the federal incentives. He noted that it takes 10 to 15 years to turn over the vehicle fleet in the U.S.

Mike Chisam, General Manager, Kansas Ethanol and Chairman, Kansas Association of Ethanol Processors (KAEP) reported on the ethanol industry in Kansas ([Attachment 2](#)). There are 12 operating ethanol plants and one idled plant in Kansas producing an estimated 500 million gallons of ethanol annually. He then pointed out the significant economic impact that the ethanol industry has made in Kansas. Mr. Chisam also said that ethanol is a great commodity for the country because ethanol is the only viable and available fuel that can be substituted for gasoline.

Mr. Krissek and Mr. Chisam took questions from the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.