

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 3:30 p.m. on February 16, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Pat Matzek, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Powell opened the meeting with action on the following bills.

Action on:

HCR 5004 - Urging Congress to oppose federal legislation interfering with a state's ability to direct the transport or processing of horses.

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, advised of a one word technical amendment on Page 2 of the bill, replacing the word "legislative" with "congressional." Representative Johnson made a motion to accept the amendment. The motion was seconded by Representative Bowers. There was no further discussion and by majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

Representative Fund made a motion to favorably pass the bill out, as amended. Representative Palmer seconded the motion. On majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

Action on:

HB 2213 - Loan agreements pursuant to the veterinary training program for rural Kansas.

Representative Johnson introduced a balloon amendment which was passed out to members of the Committee (Attachment 1). The balloon amendment as explained by Representative Johnson removes the language previously introduced by Representative Lukert, as well as removing the population limit of the counties where a veterinary can practice. Representative Johnson made a motion to move the balloon amendment. The motion was seconded by Representative Hayzlett. A discussion followed. Chairman Powell called for a vote of the Committee and as no clear majority was evident, a Division was called for and by majority of the show of hands, the amendment failed.

Representative Lukert made a motion to offer another amendment to go back to the original bill and strike the bill as far as lengthening the time, and further stated it would keep everything in place with the original bill except changing the scholarship to \$10,000 a year for ten students rather than \$20,000 for five students. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. A discussion followed. On majority vote of the Committee, the amendment failed.

Back on the bill, Representative Johnson made a motion to table the bill. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. On majority vote of the Committee, the bill was tabled.

Action on:

HB 2063 - Adjusting fees imposed by the secretary of agriculture for weights and measures services.

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department, explained **HB 2063**, stating this is the bill dealing with the fee issue the Committee has heard in other areas from the Department of Agriculture, but this one in particular relates to part of the agency dealing with weights and measures. One of the issues before the

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Committee is noted on the first page where the fee for services provided by the metrology lab would increase from \$50 to \$70 an hour.

Questions were asked and comments were made.

Representative Fund moved to pass this bill out favorably. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. On majority vote of the Committee, the motion carried.

Action on:

HB 2121 - Amendments to department of agriculture fertilizer and pesticide programs, fixing fees, definitions.

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department, explained **HB 2121** deals with numerous changes made to the statutes dealing with pesticides and fertilizer programs of the Department of Agriculture. Also included in this bill are proposed changes in the fees such as failure to file an affidavit and pay inspection fees, and the business license application fee, to name a few. The fees are shown to sunset on June 30, 2010. The agency is coming back again seeking resolution of these fees as to whether or not to extend the sunset, make the fees permanent or allow the fees to return to their 2002 levels.

Questions were asked and comments were made.

Members of the Committee noted amended changes offered by the Department of Agriculture. Representative Johnson made a motion to adopt the recommended changes on pages 9 and 28. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. On majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

Representative Svaty made a motion to pass the bill out as amended. Representative Fund seconded the motion. On majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.