

MINUTES OF THE JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES

The meeting was called to order by Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman, Mark Taddiken, at 7:30 a.m. on February 3, 2005, in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All House members were present except:

- Representative Richard Carlson- excused
- Representative Joann Freeborn- excused
- Representative Judy Showalter- excused

Committee staff present:

- Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office
- Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- Congressman Jerry Moran

House Agriculture Committee Chairman, Dan Johnson, introduced Congressman Jerry Moran who represents the 1st Congressional District of western Kansas in Washington, D.C.

Congressman Moran addressed the joint agriculture committees bringing them up to date on *What's going on in Agriculture at the Federal Level*.

The Congressman serves on the House Agriculture Committee and the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee. He reported that the Subcommittee is currently working on crop insurance issues, specifically, multi-year disasters. The next major issue they will be addressing is the new farm bill. The farm bill passed by Congress in 2002 will expire in 2007.

He touched on a number of issues important to agriculture, then opened the floor for questions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The next House Agriculture Committee meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2005.