

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on March 8, 2006 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Seitz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Donley, Kansas Livestock Association
Brad Harrelson, Kansas Farm Bureau
Duane Simpson, Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council
Callie Denton, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

The hearings on **HB 2432--Liability of property owners of land adjacent to recreational trails** were opened.

John Donley spoke in favor of **HB 2432 (Attachment 1)**. He said the current law and the proposed amendment would assure that the landowner adjacent to a recreational trail owes no duty of care to a trespasser.

Mr. Donley took questions from the Committee.

Brad Harrelson offered testimony in support of **HB 2432 (Attachment 2)**. He said that some additional tune-ups to the Recreational Trail Act would be appropriate.

Mr. Harrelson stood for questions.

There were no other conferees to appear on **HB 2432** and the hearings were closed.

Hearings on **HB 2798--Immunity from liability for owners of anhydrous ammonia; sunset extended from July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2009** were opened.

Brad Harrelson spoke as a proponent for **HB 2798 (Attachment 3)**. He said the members of the Kansas Farm Bureau support limits on liability for owners of land, equipment or livestock in regard to anhydrous ammonia. He further stated that the sunset provision should be stricken from the bill and extended through 2009.

There were no questions for Mr. Harrelson.

Duane Simpson testified in support of **HB 2798 (Attachment 4)**. He also said that this law is good, common-sense state policy and should be extended until 2009.

Mr. Simpson stood for questions.

Leslie Kaufman spoke in favor of **HB 2798 (Attachment 5)**. She stated that Kansas has taken some important and significant steps to address methamphetamine use and production. Her organization still feels that the agriculture producers and agribusinesses, legitimate owners and uses of anhydrous still need this protection.

Ms. Kaufman stood for questions.

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Callie Denton spoke as an opponent of **HB 2798** (Attachment 6). She said if the bill is passed the sunset should be extended.

Ms. Denton took questions from the Committee.

Hearings on **HB 2798** were closed.

Discussion was held on **HB 2835--licenses, definitions and registration under the Kansas veterinary practice act.**

Senator Schmidt made a motion to pass **HB 2835** favorably. Motion seconded by Senator Francisco. Motion passed. **HB 2835** will be reported as be passed favorably.

Discussions were opened on **HB 2833--Licenses, definitions and registration under the Kansas veterinary practice act.**

Senator Lee moved to add amendments regarding the definition of a “companion animal,” repealing definitions of “ECFVG” and “veterinary medical specialist,” examinations and re-examinations, premise registration and inspections and the penalty for unlawful practice of veterinary medication. Motion was seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. Motion passed. **HB 2833** will be reported be passed as amended.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 423-S.