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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on January 17, 2012, in Room 159-S.

All members were present except:

Senator Bruce – excused  
Senator King – excused  
Senator Morris – excused

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Gary Star, Member, Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken welcomed the Kansas Livestock Association Leadership class to the meeting and each gave his/her name and town or county.

Senator Abrams made a motion to introduce a bill to revise the Veterinary Practice Act. Senator Teichman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Starr appeared before the Committee with regard to his appointment as a member of the Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board. (Attachment 1) Mr. Starr reviewed his qualifications for the appointment to the Board including his professional experience and education background. He operates Gary's Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival which is visited by 20,000 people. He also said that one of his goals is to expand his agritainment business. Mr. Starr took questions from the Committee.

Senator Teichman moved to recommend favorably the appointment of Gary Starr, Member, Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board. The motion was seconded by Senator Love. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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MINUTES OF SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 7:30 a.m. on March 13, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Randy Stookey, General Counsel, Kansas Grain & Feed Association and Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association

Aaron Popelka, Vice President Legal & Governmental Affairs, Kansas Livestock Association (KLA)

Jackie McClaskey, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Kansas Department of Agriculture ((KDA)

Eric Wisner, Regulatory & Policy Special Assistant, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)

Julie, Hein, on behalf of Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association (KRHA)

Lane Letourneau, Water Appropriations Program Manager, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)

Representative Vince Wetta, 80<sup>th</sup> District

Terry Koch, Mayor, Clyde, Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

**HB 2503 -- Amending the membership and responsibilities for certain agricultural boards and advisory bodies.**

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

HB 2730 --

**Written Testimony in support of the bill.**

Phillip Bradley, Kansas Viticulture & Farm Winery Association (Attachment\_\_\_\_\_)

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

