

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 9:00 A.M. on February 2, 2007, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Kevin Yoder - excused
- Representative Ty Masterson - excused
- Representative Jason Watkins - excused

Committee staff present:

- J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
- Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
- Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department
- Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department
- Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
- Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff
- Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Amendment to **HB 2303**
- Attachment 2 Response to Committee questions from Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

Representative Wolf moved to introduce legislation regarding the use of unopened medications and drugs. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard moved to introduce legislation regarding tax deferral for senior citizens. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard moved to introduce legislation regarding juvenile obesity. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell moved to introduce legislation regarding the Department of Agriculture and creation of a licensure fee fund. The motion was seconded by Representative Wolf. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on HB 2303 - Creation of the Kansas national bio and agro defense facility interagency working group.

Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department, explained that **HB 2303** creates the Kansas national bio and agro defense facility interagency working group to support and assist the United States department of homeland security in the process of conducting an environmental impact statement on any site in Kansas selected for a national bio and agro defense facility.

Representative Carlin moved to recommend **HB 2303** favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Representative Tapanelli moved for a substitute motion to amend Section 2 of **HB 2303** by adding the State Adjutant General or designee and the State Livestock Commissioner or designee to the members of the working group (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Holmes. Motion carried.

Representative Carlin moved to recommend **HB 2303** as amended favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department, distributed and explained a response from Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs), concerning

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questions raised by the Committee with regard to a KPERS funding amendment added to **SB 30** when worked by the full House (Attachment 2). At this time, **SB 30** is waiting to be worked by a conference committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 6, 2007.

Sharon Schwartz, Chair