

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on March 20, 2002, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Faber - excused
Representative Larkin - excused
Representative O'Brien - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes
Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Copies of "*Foreign Animal Disease Outbreaks in Kansas – Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery Policies*" coordinated by the Kansas Animal Health Department were distributed. (Attachment 1)

Discussion and action on SB 437 - Regulation of plant pests, plants and plant products and plant dealers and certain agriculture commodities

Chairman Johnson opened **SB 437** for discussion and asked staff to review the bill for the committee.

Representative Schwartz moved to amend SB 437 to assure that "Food processing plant" shall not include any commercial honey operation. (Attachment 2) Seconded by Representative Feuerborn, the motion carried.

Representative Dahl moved to amend SB 437 as requested by the Secretary of Agriculture on page 5, line 30, after "may provide inspection services for" insert the language "any person who owns or possesses plants or plant products or for" (Attachment 3) Seconded by Representative Miller, the motion passed.

Representative Feuerborn moved to recommend SB 437, as amended, favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Hutchins. The motion carried.

Discussion and action on SB 395 - State of emergency disaster and unlawful acts involving contagious or infectious diseases of plants or animals

Chairman Johnson opened discussion on **SB 395**.

Gordon Self explained a change in the balloon amendments to **SB 395** presented at Monday's meeting. On page 2, endangering the food supply is a class A nonperson misdemeanor, except "endangering the food supply when the contagious or infectious disease is foot-and-mouth disease is a severity level 4, nonperson felony." This returns the penalty for endangering the food supply when the contagious or infectious disease is foot-and-mouth disease to current law. (Attachment 4)

Representative Dahl moved to amend SB 395 as outlined in the balloon amendments. Seconded by Representative Hutchins, the motion carried.

Representative Dahl, moved to recommend SB 395, as amended, favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2002.