

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derek Schmidt at 8:30 a.m. on February 12, 2003 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research  
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
Shannon Stone, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jim Murphy, Dept. Of Health & Environment

Others attending: See attached guest list

Senator Lee greeted a number of constituents who were attending the Committee meeting from her district.

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research, gave a brief overview of the functions of the Department of Health & Environment as related to **SB 124**, reorganization of Kansas Agriculture Department.

Jim Murphy, Kansas Department of Health & Environment, reported on how the KDHE functions with the food protection and consumer safety program. (Attachment 1) At the conclusion of FY2002, 84 percent of food service establishments had been inspected at least once. They have recently gone to 100% fee funded. They have 35 employees assigned throughout various counties. He said the Department of Agriculture is limited to meat inspections. KDHE is much broader, they have five divisions and 16 program activities.

Committee discussion followed. Senator Lee commended it would be logical to have one employee cross-trained to inspect a single facility as it would save travel time. There might be a possibility to have restaurant inspections separate from grocery inspections.

Senator Huelskamp requested a graphic of facilities which were entered, and would also like a check list of what they look for when they walk in an establishment. He questioned whether contracted inspectors could inspect for a lesser fee.

Further discussion will be held on **SB 124** on February 18.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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