

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 3:30 P.M. on February 7, 2007, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes

Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened consideration of **HB 2145** - redefining “dispensing device” to include vehicle tank meters. Representative Grange made a motion, seconded by Representative Wolf, to adopt the amendment (Attachment 1). Raney Gilliland referenced the balloon amendment to allow the secretary of agriculture to reduce inspection fees if sufficient fees are collected and raise the fees, within the statutory cap, to maintain sufficient funds. The motion passed.

Regarding the petroleum inspection fee fund, Representative Grange made a motion to retain all fees collected in the fee fund, deleting the section that allows monies to be sent to the State General Fund. The motion was seconded by Representative Wolf (See Attachment 2).

Members discussed the inspection fees fund. Constantine Cotsoradis, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA), said the first \$250,000 of a fee goes into the State General Fund (SGF). He replied to a question that there is no cap on the fee fund; however, the Secretary can reduce or stop the fee collections if funds are sufficient. Mr. Gilliland replied to another question that 20% of fees up to \$250,000 go to the SGF and provide for the program operations. A member commented that the Appropriations Committee can sweep fee funds to supplement the SGF. The motion failed.

A motion was made and seconded to pass **HB 2145** favorably as amended. The motion passed. (Motion, Representative Feuerborn; second, Representative Moxley).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February, 8, 2007.