

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on March 6, 2006, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Virgil Peck- excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

Discussion and action on SB 500 - Raises phytosanitary fees.

Chairman Johnson opened discussion on **SB 500**. Raney Gilliland explained that this bill would allow the Kansas Department of Agriculture to add any additional fee charged by the United States government for the acquisition of federal phytosanitary certificates.

Representative Powell moved to recommend SB 500 favorably for passage and, because the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar. Seconded by Representative Svaty, the motion carried.

Discussion and action on SCR 1620 - Concurrent Resolution urging support of "25 by 25"

Chairman Johnson opened discussion on **SCR 1620**. Raney Gilliland explained that this resolution states that the Legislature of the State of Kansas supports the vision of "25 by 25" whereby agriculture will provide 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025, while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber.

Representative Freeborn moved to change the percentage to 15 percent in SCR 1620. She believes this resolution implies that we would support a mandate and she doesn't believe 25 percent by 2025 is attainable. Seconded by Representative Knox, the motion failed. Representative Freeborn requested that her "yes" vote be recorded.

Representative Knox suggested changing the word "allow" to "allowing" on page 1, line 32, to clarify the language in the resolution. As an alternative, staff proposed striking the word "the" and inserting a comma after the word "agriculture" on page 1, line 31. Discussion ensued.

Representative Knox moved to table SCR 1620. Seconded by Representative Dahl, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture Committee is on call of the Chairman.