

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on March 15, 2006 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research  
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Seitz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, Kansas State University

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken said that Dr. Flinchbaugh will be arriving around 9:00 a.m. and the Committee will begin discussion of bills previously heard.

A motion was made, seconded and passed in yesterday's Committee meeting to change the effective date from "publication in the statute book" to "publication in the *Kansas Register*", Sec. 3, lines 28 & 29 in **HB 2432--Liability of property owners of land adjacent to recreational trails**. Copies of the proposed amendments were being made for the Committee. Senator Huelskamp mentioned the proposed amendments.

Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association, spoke to "willful or wanton misconduct" on line 20 of the bill.

Discussion was held on **HB 2798--Immunity from liability for owners of anhydrous ammonia; sunset extended from July 1, 2006, to July 1, 2009**. Senator Pine made a motion to delete on line 40, "The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2009." Motion seconded by Senator Huelskamp. There was discussion on the motion. Motion passed with two "no" votes. Senator Francisco requested her "no" vote be recorded.

Senator Huelskamp moved to pass **HB 2798** favorably as amended; seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. Motion passed.

Copies of the proposed amendments to **HB 2432** were handed out to Committee members (Attachment 1). Senator Huelskamp reviewed the proposed amendment which included a new Sec. 2 dealing with responsible party, personal liability and penalties. Discussion was held. Further discussion on **HB 2432** will be continued to Tuesday, March 21.

Chairman Taddiken introduced Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh to the Committee. Dr. Flinchbaugh said the time is right for an enhanced renewable energy policy (Attachment 2). He was a founding member of the 25X '25 organization and distributed a brochure on 25X'25 (on file in Senator Taddiken's office). The goal is that 25% of our energy consumption in 2025 will be from renewable sources. He further stated that it takes five factors to make renewable energy from agriculture feasible:

- (1) expensive oil
- (2) relatively cheap grain and other biomass products
- (3) permanent tax abatements
- (4) enforcement of the clean air and clean water acts
- (5) significant improvement in the conversion ratios

He said that a few years ago all five were negative in terms of producing competitive biofuels; however, today all are positive.

Dr. Flinchbaugh stood for questions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next scheduled committee meeting is Tuesday, March 21.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Agriculture at 8:30 A.M. on March 15, 2006 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.