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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Sallee at 8:00 a.m. on February 4, 1993 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present:: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department

Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sam Brownback, Secretary, The Kansas State Board of Agriculture

John C. Bottenberg, Kansas Ethanol Association

Written testimony by Lee M. Reeve

Written testimony by Paul E. Fleener, Director, Public Affairs Division,

Kansas Farm Bureau

Marty Vanier, DVM, Legislative Agent, Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations Jere White, Kansas Growers Association and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Pam Wells, Executive Assistant, Kansas Cooperative Council

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Others attending: See attached list

SB-59 - concerning the expiration date for the agricultural ethyl alcohol incentive program

Sam Brownback, Secretary, The Kansas State Board of Agriculture, appeared before the committee in support of <u>SB-59</u> noting Kansas agriculture has been in the forefront of a commercialization movement for agricultural products. The commercialization of ethanol as an octane enhancer and more environmentally safe fuel additive has been recognized at national levels and is a major part of the new federal Clean Air Act which is currently being implemented across the country. It was further noted several potential new ethanol producers were considering locating in Kansas. Other states besides Kansas have similar incentive funds, with most of the other states' production incentives at higher rates than exist in Kansas, therefore, this Kansas incentive fund at minimum is necessary. Attachment 1

John C. Bottenberg, Kansas Ethanol Association, presented testimony in support of <u>SB-59</u> stating this program is a proven success with expansion planned by one of the producers. Information on the ranking of state incentives and production capacities was included with his information. Mr. Bottenberg further noted that this bill is truly an economic development proposal and if passed, would keep Kansas dollars in Kansas. <u>Attachment 2</u> A Kansas Ethanol Directory was also handed to committee members. <u>Attachment 3</u>

A member questioned Mr. Bottenberg concerning incentives and he noted Kansas presently, on a percentage of production basis, has the lowest incentive of any of the states.

Written testimony by Lee M. Reeve was called to the attention of the committee by Mr. Bottenberg. Mr. Reeve stated he had been involved in the non-food use and value added area, primarily through ethanol production for years. He further noted ethanol was a method of developing Kansas from within and this is a great opportunity for Kansas. Attachment 4

The chairman called the attention of committee members to written testimony by Paul E. Fleener, Director, Public Affairs Division, Kansas Farm Bureau . Attachment 5 The testimony noted support of Farm Bureau for extending the incentive program for ethanol. It is the Farm Bureau's belief that ethanol can significantly in reducing U. S. reliance on foreign oil, for addressing environmental concerns and for grain consumption and grain price enhancement.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 423-S Statehouse, at 8:00 a.m. on February 4, 1993.

Marty Vanier, DVM, Legislative Agent, Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations, noted support of <u>SB-59</u> by a coalition of 25 agribusiness organizations which span Kansas agriculture. <u>Attachment 6</u>

Jere White, Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers, appeared before the committee to ask for favorable passage of <u>SB-59</u>. noting these organizations view the Kansas ethanol industry as one vital to our state's overall economy, and yet an industry that provides unique benefits to our rural economy. <u>Attachment 7</u>

Pam Wells, Executive Assistant, Kansas Cooperative Council, representing nearly 200 Kansas cooperative businesses throughout the state, appeared in support of <u>SB-59</u>. <u>Attachment 8</u>

Senator Martin, with a second from Senator Walker moved to pass out SB-59 favorable for passage. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 1993.

GUEST LIST

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

DATE February 4, 1993

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SENATE BILL NO. 59

TESTIMONY

FEBRUARY 4, 1993 AGRICULTURAL ETHYL ALCOHOL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Good morning Chairman Sallee and members of the committee, my name is Sam Brownback. I am the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture. You might be interested to know that the Kansas Board of Agriculture has been and will continue to be involved in state and national efforts for commercializing industrial uses for agricultural commodities. This past fall I was chairman of the Biobased Products Expo in St. Louis, Missouri. That conference brought together over 400 participants from across the nation, of the private and public sectors, to display commercial and industrial products made from agricultural products. Ethanol is a prime example of such commercialization.

By way of information, Kansas agriculture has been in the forefront for many years of this commercialization movement. You as legislators played an important part in beginning this trend by approving in 1979 K.S.A. 74-5029, which states: "Declaration of public policy; development of agricultural products. It is hereby

senate Energy 4 Nat'l Resources February 4, 1993 Atlachment 1 declared to be the public policy of the state of Kansas to encourage and assist the development and expansion of new uses of agricultural products including agricultural ethyl alcohol, including the use by the state of Kansas and all political and taxing subdivisions thereof." Further, a KSBA Task Force, chaired by Ladd Seaberg, President of Midwest Grain Products, unanimously agreed in their findings issued in December, 1988, that substantial opportunities are available to Kansas through the development of these industrial uses. KSBA completed a study in 1992 for Kansas, analyzing the Kansas Value-Added agriculture industry. Ethanol is an excellent example of processing basic Kansas commodities and adding value prior to exporting the finished product from Kansas. The commercialization of ethanol as an octane enhancer and more environmentally safe fuel additive has been recognized at national levels and is a major part of the new federal Clean Air Act which is currently being implemented across the country.

Kansas ethanol plants, currently four in number, presently produce approximately 27 million gallons of alcohol annually. This represents a nearly 60% increase in Kansas ethanol production since 1989. With the coming implementation of the federal Clean Air Act, this trend is expected to continue during the next four years as ethanol provides a source of oxygenates which substitute for certain harmful components of motor fuels while addressing air pollution concerns. For 1992, Kansas ethanol production translates into use of approximately 10,800,000 bushels of corn and milo that the ethanol producers have purchased from Kansas farmers and local

suppliers. For 1992, which was a near record year for feed grain production in Kansas, this amount translates into almost 2% of Kansas corn and milo production serving as inputs for the ethanol industry.

Several potential new ethanol producers are considering locating in Kansas. As you are aware, other states besides Kansas have similar incentive funds, with most of the other states' production incentives at higher rates than exist in Kansas. If our state is to have any reasonable chances at recruiting these new locations, this Kansas incentive fund at minimum is necessary.

The Kansas agricultural ethyl alcohol incentive program plays an important role in this commercialization of agricultural commodities movement. The Kansas State Board of Agriculture supports all efforts to broaden and deepen markets and opportunities for renewable, agricultural commodities. Your continued support of this commercialized use of agricultural products through passage of SB 59 is urged and appreciated.

Thank you for allowing the Board of Agriculture to testify today. This concludes my testimony. I will certainly attempt to answer any questions you may have.

BOTTENBERG & ASSOCIATES

JOHN C. BOTTENBERG

Statement of Kansas Ethanol Association

Presented to the Senate
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
The Honorable Don Sallee, Chairman

Statehouse Topeka, Kansas February 4, 1993

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

I am John Bottenberg, representing the Kansas Ethanol Association.

I am here to ask your support of SB 59. This bill would extend the current Ethanol Producer's Incentive Fund for an additional four years. Funding would remain at the current level of \$2.5 million annually.

This program is a proven success. Ethanol production has increased from 11 million gallons during 1987 to a current capacity of 27 million gallons. An additional 5 million gallon expansion is planned by one of our producers.

There are four fuel alcohol producers in Kansas at this time.

They are located in Atchison, Colwich, Garden City and Leoti.

They have approximately 100 employees directly related to fuel alcohol production (not minimum wage jobs). They had approximately 50 employees in 1987.

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It is estimated that fuel grade alcohol production adds 15 to 30 cents per bushel to the price of grain on the market.

Alcohol production provides a market for damaged or wet grain.

Alcohol production within Kansas consumes approximately 11 million bushels of grain annually. In 1987, approximately 3.3 million bushels of grain was consumed.

In recent years some of the producers have expanded into cattle and fish feeding, using the by-products of alcohol production.

I have attached a sheet that shows what other states are doing to encourage fuel ethanol production.

By acting favorably on SB 59, the advantages to Kansas would be to:

- Provide stronger markets for Kansas grains.
- 2. Create employment opportunities for Kansans.
- 3. Maintain and enhance the development of additional in-state production.
- 4. Create a cleaner environment for Kansans, both present and future generations.

This bill is truly an economic development proposal. If passed it would keep Kansas dollars in Kansas.

We thank you for your support in the past and would encourage you to act favorably on SB 59.

Thank you. I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Ranking of State Incentives & Production Capacities

(Note: Unless otherwise indicated, the incentives described below are <u>tax exemptions or credits</u> computed to determine their value per gallon of ethanol blended and sold in the state.)

State	Amount (\$/gal. ethanol)	Production Capacity (million gallons/yr.)	
• •		Existing	Planned
Alaska	.80	0 .	0
South Dakota	$.20^{1}/.20^{2}$	1.1	30
North Dakota	.40¹	16.4	0
Minnesota	$.20^{1}/.20^{2}$	14.7	10
Missouri	$.20^{1}/.20^{2}$	0	0
Oregon	.50	0	0
Hawaii	$.40^{3}$	5	0
Nebraska	.201	26	157.5
Montana	.30	4	30
Washington	.37	3.7	0
Ohio	.15	65	0
Illinois	$.20^{3}$	552	170
Iowa	.10	267	130
Connecticut	.10	0	0
Kansas	.0921	26.5	0

¹ Net Value of Incentive Paid Directly to Producer.

Source: Information Resources, Inc.

² Total Value of Excise Tax Exemption (per gallon of ethanol).

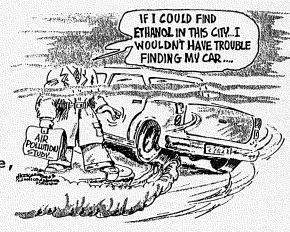
³ Based Upon Retail Sales Tax (Percentage) Exemption.

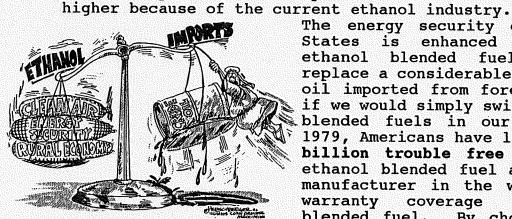
KANSAS ETHANOL DIRECTORY

A GUIDE TO STATIONS **SELLING FUEL BLENDED WITH 10% ETHANOL**

Thank you for using fuels containing ethanol, a Kansas grown renewable energy source. By choosing an ethanol blend, you are receiving a high performance

fuel that is also cleaner burning. To assist you in finding ethanol blends, we have produced this directory of retail fuel outlets that offer ethanol blended fuel at their pumps. Ethanol blends have been sold in our state for over twelve years. Kansas has four ethanol plants, which produce good jobs and a broader economic base for our state, as well as a high quality fuel. price that our farmers receive for their corn and grain sorghum is approximately fifteen cents per bushel





The energy security of the United States is enhanced when we use ethanol blended fuels. replace a considerable amount of the oil imported from foreign countries if we would simply switch to ethanol blended fuels in our tanks. Since 1979, Americans have logged over 900 billion trouble free miles on 10% ethanol blended fuel and every auto manufacturer in the world provides warranty coverage for blended fuel. By choosing ethanol

blends, you make our air cleaner and our nation more energy Thanks once again. independent.

Kansas Corn Growers Association and Commission Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association and Commission Kansas State Board of Agriculture Kansas Ethanol Association

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Senate Natural Resources Committee

presented by: Lee M. Reeve February 4, 1993

Mr. Chairman & Members of the Committee

I am Lee Reeve and I thank you for the opportunity to address this committee. I think there is tremendous potential in the whole non-food use & value added area.

I have been personally involved in this area for years, primarily through our ethanol production. We are also involved in farming, cattle feeding and fish production. We have tried to integrate those systems together. There seems to be great interest in this whole area, we had over 2,000 visitors to our operation last year.

Let me share a few thoughts that I have about this area.

The government is now paying to idle 30% of our farmland. Most of the rest of the world produces at 100% capacity and we cut back because of lack of market. Rural America dies a slow death. Rural communities try to attract new industry. It is very difficult. I heard somewhere there are only 500 new facilities built each year and there are 25,000 communities in this country. Most rural communities have a very slim chance of attracting one of these facilities.

Rural areas have a far better chance at rural development by developing from within. Add value to the raw products you produce in the area.

It is hard for people to change their way of thinking; many feel that farmland should be used only for food production.

We are in the process of tripling our ethanol production. The money made in ethanol is reinvested.

With the passage of the clean air legislation and the location of Kansas, a great opportunity is at hand. If Agriculture doesn't take advantage of this, the oil industry will.

Kansas has always been very supportive of the ethanol industry and we thank you for that. We ask you for your continued support.

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February 4, 1993

Senator Don Sallee, Chairman Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Statehouse, Room 423-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairman Sallee:

Thank you very much for your willingness to accept our testimony in support of S.B. 59, the bill which proposes to extend the expiration date of the agricultural ethyl alcohol incentive program to July 1, 1997. I regret a previously scheduled leadership conference in my organization today and tomorrow (being held in Manhattan, Kansas) prevents us from personally presenting a brief statement in support of S.B. 59.

Chairman Sallee, we are providing sufficient copies of this letter to you to share with your committee members and staff. We ask that each member be apprised of the support of Farm Bureau for extending the incentive program for ethanol. Attached to this letter you will find the policy position, adopted by voting delegates at our November 19 - 21, 1992 Annual Meeting concerning ethanol production. You will also find a reference in our policy position on Highway Development and Funding which lets you know that we are seeking the support of the Federal Government to provide a tax credit on ethanol.

Previous to the ethanol producer incentive program there was an exemption from the motor fuel tax for ethanol-enhanced motor fuel. You will remember that fuel tax incentive which, frankly, we believe to be the superior enhancement to the producer incentive program. But the Legislature determined the Highway Fund was diminished significantly by that fuel tax exemption and replaced it with the producer incentive. While we would have preferred the exemption from motor fuel taxation of ethanol-enhanced fuel, that is not what we have in Kansas today.

Please note that on our attached statement concerning ethanol production we believe ethanol can help significantly in reducing U.S. reliance on foreign oil, for addressing environmental concerns, and for grain consumption and grain price enhancement. Members of the Kansas Legislature have been supportive of programs and projects which stabilize agriculture in Kansas and enhance the opportunity for

Senate Energy & Nati Res February 4 Attachment 5 agricultural producers in Kansas. For this we are thankful. We would appreciate greatly a favorable response of your committee to support **S.B. 59** which will extend the incentive for qualified agricultural ethyl alcohol producers to continue their production of ethanol and to increase that production.

Thank you for taking our views into consideration as you examine S.B. 59.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Fleener, Director Public Affairs Division Kansas Farm Bureau

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We believe ethanol has great potential for reducing U.S. reliance on foreign oil, for addressing environmental concerns, and for grain consumption and grain price enhancement. We strongly support ethanol production and encourage:

- 1. Consumer education concerning ethanol use;
- 2. Promotion of ethanol as an octane rating enhancer and an emissions-reducing additive;
- 3. Utilization of ethanol fuels by state vehicles, by farmers and other consumers;
- Suppliers to make significantly increased quantities of ethanol-enhanced fuels available to customers; and
- 5. Establishment of research projects for the utilization of all by-products of the ethanol production process.

We support tax credits and other appropriate measures which will promote production and sale of ethanol-blended gasoline.

We believe safety of drivers and vehicle passengers will be enhanced by maintaining present weight and length limits on tractor-trailers and motor carriers.

We support the concept of highway users paying, through gallonage taxes, vehicle registration fees and sales taxes on motor vehicles, for the construction and maintenance of highways, roads and bridges. We oppose the shift of any funds now designated for highways.

We believe the federal government should provide a tax credit equal to the federal motor fuel tax for ethanol used in motor fuel.

Toll road and turnpike construction in Kansas should not be contemplated unless a feasibility study on any such project shows the toll road or turnpike will pay its own way.

We are opposed to the use of State General Fund revenue to guarantee toll road or turnpike bonds, or to provide for highway construction or maintenance.

Highway design and planning should avoid, where feasible, diagonal routing. Diagonal cuts are most disruptive to agricultural operations.



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STATEMENT OF THE

COMMITTEE OF KANSAS FARM ORGANIZATIONS

BEFORE THE

SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DON SALLEE, CHAIRMAN

REGARDING S.B. 59

FEBRUARY 4, 1993

The Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations (CKFO) is a coalition of 25 agribusiness organizations that spans the full spectrum of Kansas agriculture, including crop production, livestock production, horticultural production, suppliers, allied industries and professions.

The Committee supports S.B. 59 extending the Agricultural Ethyl Alcohol Incentive Program. The program provides a market for Kansas-grown feed grains and makes a positive contribution toward our environment and economy.

Others will present specific information on the impact of the ethyl alcohol industry, but it is important to note that the growth in production of

Senate Energy & Nati Res February 4,1993 Atlachment 6 ethyl alcohol has increased the use of feed grains from 4 million bushels in 1987 to over 11 million bushels in 1992.

The Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations urges you to support S.B. 59 and extend the Agricultural Ethyl Alcohol Incentive Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before this committee.

TESTIMONY
SENATE BILL #59
February 4, 1993
Jere White
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Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers
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I would like to thank the members of this committee for the opportunity to ask for the favorable passage of Senate Bill #59, the Ethyl Alcohol Producers Incentive Fund. Corn and grain sorghum growers view the Kansas ethanol industry as one vital to our state's overall economy, and yet an industry that provides unique benefits to our rural economy.

We have long recognized the value-added characteristics of national ethanol production. This is greatly enhanced when that industry functions in your state, and even more so, in your local community. These operations are not some kind of hillbilly moonshine still. They are high tech, high efficiency, and produce a high quality fuel. And yet, we find ourselves asking for continued financial support.

The ethanol industry is one of those unique groups that purchase inputs on one market and sell the end product on a completely different one, not unlike farming. They, like comedian Rodney Dangerfield, have been searching for respect most of their life. Respect that has come slow from their necessary partners in product distribution, the oil

Senak Energy & Nat'l Resources February 4, 1993 Atlachment 7 companies. Things are starting to change. All major automobile manufacturers warrant the use of ten percent ethanol blends. General Motors will be rolling variable fuel vehicles off their assembly lines this spring that will run on eighty-five percent ethanol. The EPA, in the past few released days, has for comment, new regulations reformulated gas that will give ethanol an opportunity to be an oxygenate in our nations largest and most polluted cities. allowed to stand, this should provide our ethanol producers a market based income that will no longer be dependant on in-state incentives.

Senate Bill #59 meets the need in the interim. We need to keep our current industry in place, if Kansas is to benefit from these new market opportunities in the future. Three years ago, a Legislative Interim Committee recommended a ten year extension to this program. This proposed four year extension would result in a net \$ 7,500,000 savings, when combined with the current program and compared with the earlier ten year recommendation. Three years ago, we would not have suggested that three years would be long enough to accomplish it's goal. Today, the industry believes, and we concur, that in four or five years, the marketplace should provide needed incentive. The value of ethanol to Kansas feedgrain producers is easily over \$ 80,000,000 per year. To

Kansas in general, several hundred million. Good jobs, expanded tax bases, and enhanced local grain markets exist in Atchison, Colwich, Garden City, and Leoti because of our Kansas ethanol facilities. Senate Bill #59 will help keep them in Kansas while the marketplace matures.

Senate Bill #59 will not, however, provide a strong incentive for the location of new plants. Our neighbors are offering very enticing incentives in that area. It will allow for the expansion of existing plants by giving baseline support. We have seen expansion in the past three years under the current program. While we support new efforts, probably rooted in economic development initiatives, for new plant location in Kansas, we view this issue as somewhat separate; one of preserving what we have. The corn and grain sorghum producers of Kansas urge passage of this bill. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF THE

KANSAS COOPERATIVE COUNCIL

PRESENTED TO THE

SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

REGARDING SB 59

FEBRUARY 4, 1993

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Pam Wells, executive assistant for the Kansas Cooperative Council. The Council's membership consists of nearly 200 Kansas cooperative businesses which have a combined total of almost 200,000 members throughout the state.

I appear before you today in support of SB 59, the extension of the agricultural ethyl alcohol incentive program.

Ethyl alcohol is derived from a renewable source of energy and is a potential source of fuel having a positive environmental effect. Its continuous development not only enhances the Kansas agricultural economy, but also the state's general economy. For these reasons the Council asks for your support of SB 59.

Thank you for allowing me to address you this morning. I would attempt to answer any questions you may have.

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