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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Corbin at 10:00 a.m. on January 18, 1994 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Quorum was present.

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kenneth Wilke, Kansas State Board of Agriculture
Jim Allen, Seaboard Corporation

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Corbin stated the agenda for the meeting was to receive requests for bill introductions.

Senator Sallee mentioned he had constituents who were concerned about the grain inspection fees. He suggested the Committee might want to invite the inspection department in to discuss the issue. Also, he was concerned with counties assessing and taxing elevators on the land that they must set aside for a berm around above storage fuel tanks and fertilizer tanks.

The Chairperson called on Mr. Wilke to present his bill requests.

Mr. Wilke presented a request concerning Apiary Inspection Act revisions. A motion was made by Senator Sallee to accept the request and a bill be introduced. The motion was seconded by Senator Frahm. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilke presented a request regarding changes in the inspection of nurseries and the fee charges. A motion was made by Senator Frahm to accept the request and the bill be introduced. The motion was seconded by Senator Morris. The motion carried.

Mr. Wilke's final request dealt with the transplanting of trees, and when it would be necessary to have an inspection and a valid transplanter license and the penalties for violation of the act. A member of the Committee expressed concern that the bill not be drafted to be too inclusive. A motion was made by Senator Karr to accept the request and a bill be introduced. The motion was seconded by Senator Frahm. Motion carried.

Senator Morris suggested the Kansas State Board of Agriculture be invited to brief the Committee on the Federal changes regarding the use and application of pesticides that will be effective as of April 15, 1994, and they address what the farmers responsibilities will be regarding training of themselves and their employees. The Chairperson directed staff to contact the Department and schedule a date for the Committee briefing.

Jim Allen representing the Seaboard Corporation requested a bill be introduced concerning agricultural corporations relating to swine production facilities. He requested the bill contain a protest provision that would provide for a mechanism for county option. He responded to questions. A motion was made by Senator Steffes to accept the request and a bill be drafted. The motion was seconded by Senator Morris. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 1994. The meeting adjourned at 10:52.

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