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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 February 9, 1994 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Frahm was excused.

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lila McClaflin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
George Austin, Kansas Water Resources Division
Lee Rolfs, Kansas Water Resources Division
Margaret Kerr
Sam Graham, Acting Livestock Commissioner, Animal Health Department

Chairperson Corbin announced the continuation of committee discussion on SB 600 - concerning the tax exemption of certain property contiguous to dams and reservoirs. Information from the Kansas Association of Counties opposing the bill was distributed (Attachment 1).

George Austin, Kansas Water Resources Division, responded to questions, and distributed a handout prepared by their department from its computer records. The chart showed the number of tax reduction certificates on file from January 1, 1974 to present and the number of watershed dams (Attachment 2).

Lee Rolfs, Legal Counsel, Water Resources Division, responded to questions, and he said there would be a lot more certificates if the legislation was retroactive as they have many that have expired.

The Chairperson said deliberation would be continued until a later date, and at that time someone from the Soil Conservation Commission would be present to respond to some of the questions raised by the Committee. Such as, the acquisition of land, who pays for the watershed project, and other questions.

Committee discussion was opened on SB 413 - concerning the Kansas Animal Dealers Act. The Chairperson called on Margaret Kerr.

Margaret Kerr stated she thought the bill should be stalled until new people were appointed to the Board. They believe everything is working well at this time and recommended no changes in the law at this time. .

Senator Wisdom gave an update on the vacancies in the Department and on the Board.

Doctor Sam Graham said the Companion Animal Board had a meeting scheduled for February 11, 1994. He suggested perhaps action should be stalled until after this meeting.

Committee action was delayed until a later date.

A motion was made by Senator Sallee to approve the minutes of February 7 and 8. The motion was seconded by Senator Morris. motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 1994.

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DATE: 2-9-94

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February 8, 1994

To: Senator David Corbin, Chairman
Members Senate Agriculture Committee

From: Bev Bradley, Deputy Executive Director
Kansas Association of Counties

Re: SB 600 permanent exemption of property
contiguous to dams and reservoirs

Thank you for the opportunity to share the concerns of
Kansas Association of Counties on SB 600.

As we understand this bill it would remove the 10 year
exemption and make the exemption permanent so long as
such dam or reservoir is maintained in a condition
satisfactory to the chief engineer. It seems that an
annual inspection of all of these dams in Kansas would
require added staff and therefore additional expense
to the State. In addition this concept would remove
much needed valuation from the assessed valuation of
counties. One small southeast Kansas county, Elk
County has stated that the effects of this bill would
remove \$154,109 from their assessed valuation. This
is a county with a total taxable assessed valuation of
\$18,143,845.

Watershed dams add to the valuation of the property to
the extent of about \$1,000 per acre of water. This is
however negated if the property is exempt.

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Tax Reduction Information for Watersheds
from Jan. 1, 1974 to present

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| Year of Record | No of Tax Reduction Cert. | No of Watershed Dams |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1974 | 38 | 24 |
| 1975 | 30 | 14 |
| 1976 | 68 | 19 |
| 1977 | 35 | 21 |
| 1978 | 45 | 21 |
| 1979 | 36 | 22 |
| 1980 | 57 | 26 |
| 1981 | 61 | 28 |
| 1982 | 72 | 29 |
| 1983 | 55 | 30 |
| 1984 | 62 | 30 |
| 1985 | 65 | 32 |
| 1986 | 53 | 33 |
| 1987 | 74 | 36 |
| 1988 | 62 | 37 |
| 1989 | 126 | 53 |
| 1990 | 99 | 56 |
| 1991 | 89 | 56 |
| 1992 | 100 | 61 |
| 1993 | 121 | 74 |
| Tot. | 1348 | 617 |

Prepared by the Division of Water Resources from its computer records. Some inaccuracies may exist as the numbers have not been verified, however the magnitude of such errors should be minor.

George Austin
Water Resource Dept
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