

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derek Schmidt at 4:30 p.m. on February 24, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research
Judy Swanson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Howard Brown, Fort Scott Livestock Market
Mervin Sexton, Manhattan Commission Company
John Cline, Manhattan Commission Company
Mark Mackey, Kansas Livestock Marketing Assn
State Senator Ed Pugh
Karl Muedener, Bureau of Water
John Metzler, Ks Water Environment Association
Adrian Polansky, Kansas Department of Agriculture
Greg Krissek, Grain Sorghum Producers Association
Kenlon Johannes, Kansas Soybean Association
Joe Fritton, Division of Facilities Management
Janet McPherson, Kansas Farm Bureau

Others attending: See attached guest list

SB 131, exclusion of livestock auction barns from confined feeding facility requirements, was taken under consideration.

Howard Brown, General Manager of Fort Scott Livestock Market, testified in favor of **SB 131**. (Attachment 1) Markets are not feedyards, and 75 percent of cattle are at the Market less than eight to ten hours.

Mervin Sexton, Manhattan Commission Company, testified in favor of **SB 131**. (Attachment 2) His company has prided itself for 49 years in their cleanliness. John Cline, Manhattan Commission Company, also testified that their company receives numerous positive comments on how clean they keep their facility.

Mark Mackey, Executive Secretary of Kansas Livestock Marketing Association, supported **SB 131**. (Attachment 3) He said because of the unique operational nature of livestock markets and the types and numbers of livestock typically maintained at an auction yard over a 24-hour period, they should not be treated the same as feedlots.

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Adrian Polansky, Secretary of Kansas Department of Agriculture, encouraged the increased use of agriculture products in fuels. (Attachment 6) The environmental benefits of increased ethanol use are numerous.

Greg Kressek, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, testified in favor of **SB 191**, **SCR 1604** and **SCR 1606**. (Attachment 7) The organization is very supportive of expanded use of ethanol and biodiesel in fuel supplies.

Kenlon Johannes, Kansas Soybean Association, supported **SB 191**, **SCR 1604** and **SCR 1606**. (Attachment 8) He presented a list of biodiesel retail outlets in Kansas.

Joe Fritton, Division of Facilities Management, provided the measures taken by the Central Motor Pool which included switching to 10% ethanol fuel at the Central Moto Pool Service Facility. (Attachment 9)

Janet McPherson, Kansas Farm Bureau, presented policy statements supporting **SB 191**, **SCR 1604** and **SCR 1606**. (Attachment 10)

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State Senator Ed Pugh said livestock commissions are dwindling, but they do serve a good purpose for farmers and small producers. They are not operated as feedlots.

Karl Mueldener, Director of Bureau of Water, Department of Health & Environment, testified in opposition to **SB 131**. (Attachment 4) He said livestock sale facilities are a potential pollution source KDHE has addressed since the 1970's through the wastewater permit program. Technical and financial

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assistance is available for livestock markets. He suggested that sale barns need to have a separate class for themselves through regulation.

John Metzler, Kansas Water Environment Association, testified in opposition to **SB 131**. (**Attachment 5**) He said the bill would exempt facilities from the KDHE confined feeding facility program.

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