

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on March 21, 2000, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
 Greg Krissek, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2000 meeting as submitted. Senator Huelskamp seconded. The motion carried.

Hearing on:

SB 664 - an act concerning agriculture; relating to inspection fees, funding for plant pest activities

Greg Krissek, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, testified in support of **SB 664** which would change the statute to broaden how the fees from the fertilizer, feeding stuffs and agricultural liming funds can be used (Attachment 1). He stated it seemed appropriate to use these fees for the purpose of funding a portion of the activity of the Plant Protection and Weed Control Program, inasmuch as the people who pay the fees benefit from the activities of this program.

Senator Biggs made a motion to amend **SB 664** to allow only \$35,000.00 from the fertilizer fund and \$35,000.00 from the feeding stuffs fund and only \$5,000.00 from the agricultural liming fund. Senator Umbarger seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Clark made a motion to strike from line 1, page 3 the \$100,000 for the pesticide use survey inasmuch as the survey will be underway by the time this bill becomes effective. Senator Huelskamp seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Umbarger made a motion to pass **SB 664** favorably as amended. Senator Downey seconded. The motion carried. Senators Corbin, Huelskamp and Tyson are recorded as having voted no.