

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 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:

 Alan Alderson, Western Retail Implement and Hardware Association
 Laura Johnson, Deputy Director, Property Valuation Division, Kansas Department of
 Revenue

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2000 meeting. Senator Stephens seconded. The motion carried.

Alan Alderson, Western Retail Implement and Hardware Association, requested introduction of two bills that would clean up consistency in existing statutes (Attachment 1).

The first bill would require warranty work performed by dealers of farm equipment, outdoor power equipment or lawn and garden equipment to be reimbursed at an hourly rate equal to or greater than what the dealer charges to consumers for non-warranty repair work. Currently the dealership does not have the right to be reimbursed at its normal rate. Senator Clark made a motion to introduce this bill. Senator Umbarger seconded. Motion carried.

The second bill seeks to make certain provisions of the buyback laws uniform with regard to each type of equipment (farm equipment, outdoor power equipment, lawn and garden equipment). Senator Corbin made a motion to introduce this bill. Senator Biggs seconded. The motion carried.

Laura Johnson, Deputy Director, Property Valuation Division, Kansas Department of Revenue, answered questions and concerns from committee members regarding appraisal methods of agricultural land. Handouts were distributed explaining the calculation of agricultural land use value (Attachment 2). Mark Beck, Director of Property Valuation Division, will address the committee on February 2, 2000 and make available to the members the current set of values for each county, as well as a flow chart as to the formula for determining agricultural land valuation.

The next meeting will be January 27, 2000.