

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on February 16, 2000, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tim Huelskamp (E)

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Doug Wareham, Kansas Grain & Feed Association and Kansas Fertilizer & Chemical Association
Bill Fuller, Associate Director, Public Policy Division, Kansas Farm Bureau
Chris Wilson, Kansas Seed Industry Association and Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association
Joe Lieber, Executive Vice President, Kansas Cooperative Council
Rodney Biesenthal, Pottawatomie County Noxious Weed Director
Amelia McIntyre
Dale Crawford, Johnson County Bicycle Club

Others attending: (See Attached)

Continued hearing on:

SB 572 - an act enacting the land stewardship by management and control of noxious weeds act

Doug Wareham, Kansas Grain & Feed Association and Kansas Fertilizer & Chemical Association, addressed comments that have been made and questions that have been raised by opponents of **SB 572** and testified in support of **SB 572** (Attachment 1).

Bill Fuller, Associate Director, Public Policy Division, Kansas Farm Bureau, testified in support of **SB 572** pointing out some of the desirable improvements to the current noxious weed law and listing the Kansas Farm Bureau member-adopted policy statements (Attachment 2).

Chris Wilson, Kansas Seed Industry Association and Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association, testified in support of **SB 572**, stating it is important to bring the noxious weed bill up-to-date since it has not been updated for fifty years (Attachment 3). She said it had been suggested that the Seed Law needed to be updated to conform with the Noxious Weed Law.

Joe Lieber, Executive Vice President, Kansas Cooperative Council, appeared before the committee in support of **SB 572**, which would give the producers a choice of where to buy their chemicals and still receive the financial incentive in either case (Attachment 4).

Rodney Biesenthal, Pottawatomie County Noxious Weed Director, testified in opposition to **SB 572** stating the County Weed Directors Association of Kansas is concerned that by removing specific requirements from the law and addressing these issues by rules and regulations, we would be allowing too much state control and local interpretation of a state statute (Attachment 5).

Amelia McIntyre appeared before the committee in opposition to **SB 572** with concerns that publicly owned or controlled recreational areas are available to the public and that there are adequate resources to maintain those recreational areas (Attachment 6).

Dale Crawford, Johnson County Bicycle Club, testified in opposition to **SB 572** stating that his organization is concerned about the impacts **SB 572** may have on the already limited publicly accessible

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facilities and lands within Kansas (Attachment 7).

The hearing on **SB 572** was continued to February 18, 2000.

The next meeting will be February 17, 2000.