

Approved: 3-7-00

Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 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:

 Doug Wareham, Kansas Grain & Feed Association and Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Association

Others attending: (See Attached)

Senator Umbarger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2000 meeting as submitted. Senator Downey seconded. The motion carried.

Continued hearing on:

HB 2674 - structure of grain commodity commissions

Doug Wareham, Kansas Grain & Feed Association and Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Association, testified in support of **HB 2674** based on the fact that this proposal would consolidate check-off collection and shift the administration of the commodity check-off programs to the private sector, which some states are presently doing (Attachment 1).

Senator Tyson made a motion to add a sentence concerning open records that would include contracts. Senator Clark seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Corbin made a motion that mill levies established in the bill would not be established by the bill but the commission would be allowed to go up to that amount. Further, the commissions could not change the mill levy more than once a year. Senator Huelskamp seconded and the motion carried.

Additional information regarding the election process and who would be considered an eligible voter will be brought before the committee at a later date.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2000.