

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, Room 423-S of the Capitol, 10:00 a.m., on March 1, 2000.

commissions to operate efficiently, to let growers have more input as to what programs are supported and who will represent them, and to spend checkoff funds and interest on those funds to make farming more profitable for farmers ([Attachment 6](#)).

Brett Myers on behalf of the Kansas Agricultural Alliance testified in support of **HB 2674** ([Attachment 7](#)).

Jere White, Executive Director, Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, provided an overview of **HB 2674** in support of passage of **HB 2674** ([Attachment 8](#)).

Leslie Kaufman, Assistant Director, Public Policy Division, Kansas Farm Bureau, testified in support of **HB 2674** advising that some of the important provisions that would benefit producers were: 1) the interest earned on commodity commission funds now held by the State would be retained by the respective commissions and be available for their intended market development purpose; 2) members of the commodity commissions would be elected by growers rather than being political appointees; 3) the State would no longer retain \$100,000 of producer check-off moneys for administering the funds; and 4) check-off funds would be focused directly and on a timely basis to producer-managed projects and programs, rather than requiring approval of the Legislature which often requires several months ([Attachment 9](#)).

The hearing on **HB 2674** was continued to March 2, 2000.

Senator Umbarger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2000 meeting as submitted. Senator Stephens seconded. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 2, 2000.