

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2011, in Room 783 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Dan Collins - Excused
Representative Rocky Fund - Excused
Representative Gary Hayzlett - Excused
Representative Michael Peterson - Excused
Representative Willie Prescott - Excused

Committee staff present:

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Wales, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kay Scarlett, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Woody Moses, Managing Director, Kansas Aggregate Producers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Copies of two bills under consideration by the Nebraska Legislature were distributed: (1) Implement a state meat and poultry inspection program under federal law, and (2) Require certain entities to provide care and shelter to equine animals. ([Attachment 1](#))

Hearing on HB 2205 - Continuing the use of weights and measures standards.

Chairman Powell opened the hearing on **HB 2205**. Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed **HB 2205** to remove the sunset date of June 30, 2011, on the exception to standards and requirements that was put in place for mechanical vehicle scales used solely to sell aggregate products. It was noted this legislation would have no fiscal effect on the state.

Woody Moses, Managing Director, Kansas Aggregate Producers Association, appeared in support of **HB 2205**. He explained that during the 2001 session, they had requested and received an amendment granting a limited tolerance variance for aggregate scales from the tolerance requirements mandated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44. This variance only concerns the national standard up to 50,000 lbs., after 50,000 lbs., where most transactions occur, they are in full compliance with federal requirements. The current variance was initially authorized with a sunset by the 2001 Legislature and renewed by the 2005 Legislature. **HB 2205** would make this variance permanent. He noted that this variance has been beneficial to Kansas consumers and has not resulted in any unintended consequences during the ten years it has been in effect. ([Attachment 2](#))

As there were no other conferees, Chairman Powell closed the hearing on **HB 2205**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee is scheduled for February 15, 2011.