

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2012, in Room 783 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Michael Peterson (Unexcused)

Committee Staff Present:

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Christopher Sevedge, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Joyce Hladky, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Powell welcomed the committee.

Chairman Powell opened discussion to work **HB2451, Eliminating "use it or lose it" for groundwater rights in areas closed to new water right development**, noting the Committee would take action on the bill. Representative Hoffman moved for approval of the bill and Representative Grant seconded the motion.

Representative Brookens moved to amend the bill as follows:

(e)Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a groundwater right, which has as its local supply an aquifer area that has been closed to new appropriations by rule, regulation or order of the chief engineer shall be deemed to have due and sufficient cause for nonuse and shall not be deemed abandoned through December 31, 2027. **During the 2026 legislative session, the Kansas Water Office, in consultation with the Chief Engineer, shall deliver to the**

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Legislature a report evaluating the effects of this section and shall recommend whether to make this section permanent. (Attachment 1)

Representative Brookens indicated his concern is that the way the bill is currently written, is the potential cost to the state. Representative Moxley seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion failed.

Discussion centered on the verbiage ‘Notwithstanding,’ and the safeguard in the use of the word as it leaves the issue open to come back to.

Chairman Powell called the question on the original motion, which carried unanimously.

Representative Powell opened the floor for bill introductions:

Representative Brookens introduced a bill concerning wildlife, parks, and tourism; relating to vessel fees; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 32-1172 and repealing the existing section.

There being no objection, this request will be introduced.

Representative Brookens introduced a resolution naming Annie Wilson the Flint Hills Balladeer. Annie Wilson has 40 songs that she for her songs that focus on themes of rural culture, history, ranching and natural landscape, especially in the Flint Hills.

There being no objection, this request for resolution will be introduced.

Representative Wetta introduced a resolution making the Wellington Wheat Festival the official Wheat Festival of the State of Kansas.

There being no objection, this request will be introduced.

Representative Moxley introduced a resolution recognizing the 125th Anniversary of the Kansas Forestry Service.

There being no objection, this request will be introduced.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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