

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on January 19, 2001 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Krase, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Mary Jane Stattelman, Administrator, KS Agricultural Remediation Board
Rick Bean, Chief of Remedial Section, KDHE
Gary Blackburn, Director, Bureau of Environmental Remediation, KDHE
Clint Riley, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Umberger moved that the minutes from the January 11 and January 12, 2001 meetings be approved. Senator Taddiken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The first conferee to appear before the committee was Mary Jane Stattelman, Administrator, Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board. Before she began her overview of the Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board (Attachment 1) she introduced the board members who were with her. They included Linda Peterson, chair and producer representative, Laura Pearl whose family runs an ag retail business, Gary Meyer, Dept. of Ag., manager of the pesticide and fertilizer program, and Rick Bean, KDHE, Chief of Remedial Section. Questions and discussion followed Ms. Stattelman's presentation.

Staff of Legislative Research pointed out this is a unique board that was established and that it does not operate like other state agencies. The money that the agency expends does not get appropriated by the legislature but yet the board promulgates state rules and regulations. There may be additional responsibility on the rules and regulations committee since the regulations will have the force and effect of law. The rationale for establishing this board was to provide the ability to identify specific areas of pollution around agribusinesses that need to be addressed or cleaned up and to provide a mechanism to get those areas remediated.

Rick Bean briefed the committee of the Voluntary Cleanup and Property Redevelopment Program and State Cooperative Program (Attachment 2). Questions and discussion followed.

Two bill introductions were presented by Gary Blackburn, KDHE. One was concerning natural resource damages trust fund (Attachment 3). The second was the extension of the UST and AST Funds to year 2014 (Attachment 4). Senator Lee moved to recommend the introduction of the bills, seconded by Senator Taddiken. Motion passed.

Wildlife and Parks proposed two bills. The first was concerning furharvester licenses and the second was concerning state park permit late payment fee (Attachment 5). Senator Oleen moved to recommend the introduction of the bills, seconded by Senator Corbin. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25 at 8:30 a.m.