

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on February 15, 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:

Jolene Grabill, Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)
Mike Taylor, City of Wichita
David Pope, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources,
 Department of Agriculture
Gary Blackburn, Director, Bureau of Environmental Remediation, KDHE
Tom Palace, Petroleum Marketers

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Tyson said he had hoped there would be a report to the Committee from the Subcommittee concerning **SB 204** this day, but details were still being worked out on the bill. He noted **SB 204** would not be discussed on Monday, February 19 as previously thought, but would be sent to Ways and Means to be blessed and then returned to Natural Resources in order to give the Committee more time to work the bill. He also said there would be another Subcommittee meeting scheduled the following week to discuss the bill.

Senator Huelskamp moved that the minutes from the February 8, 2001 meeting be approved, seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

Senator Tyson started the meeting with the continuation of the hearing on **SB 264** and Senator Downey explained the history of the bill and brought everyone up to date.

The first conferee and proponent, Jolene Grabill representing REAP, continued with her testimony from the previous Monday (Attachment 7, February 12). She noted that Groundwater Management District (GMD) No. 1, District No. 3 and District No. 4 have endorsed the concept of the legislation, but this bill would only affect Groundwater Management District No. 2 (Equus Beds). Questions and discussion followed.

The second conferee and proponent was Mike Taylor from the City of Wichita (Attachment 1). Questions and discussion followed.

Senator Tyson asked David Pope from the Department of Agriculture to comment on the bill. Mr. Pope said the GMDs are a very integral part of the state's water management system and the state relies very extensively on them to come up with local rules and regulations that are submitted to his office for adoption. He said there is truly a partnership between the desire and ability to provide local control and input so long as it is not inconsistent with state laws and policies. He said they were ok with the bill.

Senator Tyson declared the hearing closed on **SB 264**.

The Committee's attention was turned to **SB 183**, an act concerning the Kansas Storage Tank Act. Staff of Legislative Research explained the bill. Raney Gilliland said this bill would extend two funds currently provided for in the statutes, the Underground Fund and the Aboveground Fund. The language extends the funds from 2004 to 2014.

The first conferee and proponent of **SB 183** was Gary Blackburn, Director, Bureau of Environmental Remediation (Attachment 2). Questions and discussion followed his testimony.

The next conferee and proponent of the bill was Tom Palace, Petroleum Marketers. He said PMCA would like to see the bill amended to allow for a return of unused premium back to tank owners (Attachment 3). Senator Tyson asked Mr. Palace to come back tomorrow since time was running short.

Senator Tyson said the Committee would be working **SB 264** on Monday, February 19.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16 at 8:00 a.m.