

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, Room 231-N of the Capitol
at 3:30 p.m. on March 7, 2002.

2, lines 1,4,6, and 8, changed “groundwater withdrawn” to “such groundwater”. Rep. Becky Hutchins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Tom Sloan made a motion **House Substitute for SB264** be passed favorably as amended. Rep. Becky Hutchins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Joann Freeborn will carry the bill on the House Floor.

Written only testimony was submitted by Brad Franz, President, Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2, in opposition to the substitute bill. The Board of Directors believe the proposed **House Substitute for SB264** does not reflect the interim committee’s recommendation. By placing a cap on water assessments for water used within the District, but no cap on assessments for water used outside the District, the legislation unfairly and inappropriately places the financing of the District’s activities on a minority of users. Those users are primarily the Cities of Newton, McPherson and Wichita. The three cities use about 10 percent of the total water appropriated in the District. (See attachment 4)

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2002.