

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:37 a.m. on March 22, 2002 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Lana Oleen - excused
Senator Christine Downey - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Deborah McIntire, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Daniel Thimesch
Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management
Judy A. Moler, General Counsel/Legislative Services Director
Bill Sneed, Kansas Construction & Demolition Landfill Association
Scott Young, Kansas Construction & Demolition Landfill Association
L. Frank Young, P.E., Director, Neosho County Public Works Department
Barton O. Ives, DOD Regional Environmental Coordinator, Region 7

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Tyson opened the hearing on **HB 2703**.

Briefing on HB 2703

HB 2703 would modify the definition of “construction and demolition” waste in the statutes dealing with solid waste. In addition, the bill would create two classes of “construction and demolition” landfills—a Class I construction and demolition landfill and a Class II construction and demolition landfill—to be permitted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Testimony on HB 2703

The first conferee and proponent was Representative Daniel Thimesch. He testified that this bill would give Kansas more opportunities to dispose of construction and demolition waste, providing a visual demonstration. (Attachment 1).

The second conferee and proponent was Bill Bider (Director, Bureau of Waste Management). He testified that KDHE’s best chance of maintaining the inert landfills without triggering federal standards is to recognize that a higher class of landfill is needed for contaminated loads. This bill provides that regulatory framework and allows KDHE to permit both types of construction and demolition facilities, depending upon the preference of the landfill owners. (Attachment 2). Questions and discussion followed.

Written testimony was provided by Judy A. Moler (General Counsel/Legislative Services Director, Kansas Association of Counties) in favor of this bill (Attachment 3).

Bill Sneed, representing the Kansas Construction and Demolition Landfill Association, introduced Scott Young, the fourth conferee and opponent. Scott testified that while the association agrees that some new regulation for construction and demolition landfills in Kansas is appropriate and necessary, it believes that the issues addressed in this bill should be placed in the public forum for discussion. (Attachment 4). Questions and discussion followed.

Written testimony was submitted by L. Frank Young, P.E. (Director, Neosho County Public Works Department) (Attachment 5) and Barton O. Ives (DOD Regional Environmental Coordinator, Region 7) (Attachment 6) in opposition to this bill.

Chairman Tyson closed the hearing on **HB 2703**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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