

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Powell at 8:30am on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Michael O'Donnell – Excused

Senator Tom Hawk – Excused

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Toni Beck, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Action**

*Senator Pyle moved that Chairman Powell request the Senate President to withdraw Senate Sub for HB2059-Creating application requirement and fee to appropriate surface water that otherwise leaves the state, from the calendar, and refer the bill back to the Senate Natural Resources Committee for additional consideration. Senator Kerschen seconded the motion. Motion adopted.*

Minutes from the February 10 and 11 meeting were approved as emailed.

Kansas Livestock Leadership Class had 20 participants attending the meeting today.

**Discussion & possible action on: SB330 — Establishing the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program.**

Tamera Lawrence presented an overview on the proposed balloon amendment.

*Senator Arpke moved, Senator Ostmeyer seconded the balloon amendment in Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) striking 1 (g) referring to 'rules and regulations as necessary for the administration of this section'. Motion adopted. ([Attachment 1](#))*

*Senator Francisco moved, Senator McGinn seconded SB330 as amended be recommended favorably for passage. Motion adopted.*

Discussion:

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Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Concerns were expressed as to whether CREP could be isolated per county. The program is designed to prevent sediments from filling the reservoirs. Tillage practices have improved the per county sediment draining issue with leaving stubble on the fields after harvest. Susan Metzger, Department of Agriculture, commented the 2008 beginning year for this balloon amendment to the bill, is the first since the Crop Rotation Program (CRP) began.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 18.