

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

All members were present

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](#)

**Minutes**

Chairman Powell and committee approved committee minutes for March 8, 9, 10 and 11.

**Possible action on bills previously heard**

Chairman Powell turned the Committee's attention to **SB491-Department of agriculture division of water resources; groundwater management; rules and regulations; court procedures; position of chief engineer; impairment.**

*Senator McGinn moved the balloon amendment striking K.S.A. 82a-1712, 82a-716, 82a-717a and 82a-725 for "chief engineer approval". Senator Francisco seconded the motion. Motion adopted. (Attachment 1)*

*Senator Hawk moved the balloon amendment, Senator Ostmeyer seconded the motion. Motion adopted. (Attachment 2)*

*A conceptual friendly added language to the amendment for "maximum fee of \$1,500," was offered by Senator Francisco.*

*Senator Ostmeyer moved, Senator Hawk seconded the motion. Motion adopted.*

*Senator Ostmeyer moved, Senator Kerschen seconded **SB491** to be inserted into **HB2156-Public water supply storage; interest rate change.** Motion adopted as amended and recommended favorably for*

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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passage.

Discussion:

The affect of the fiscal bill for passage would be a neutral impact. The bill applies only to class B and C dams. Water reports are due every five years for Class B, and three years for Class C. The Department of Water Office will do the inspection if it has not been reported by the landowner. The inspection expense is \$1,500; costing less than a private firm. Concerns were expressed over the cost, and consideration is being given to a maximum cap of \$1,500. Class A dams are unjurisdictional.

Chairman Powell turned the Committee's attention to **SB425-Authorizing the board of county commissioners of any county to regulate conservation easements on property located within the county.**

*Senator McGinn moved, Senator Francisco seconded the bill be tabled. Division was called with six in favor, four opposed. The bill was tabled.*

Chairman Powell turned the Committee's attention to **HB2479-Act concerning agriculture, relating to noxious weeds.**

*Senator Tyson moved, K.S.A. 2-1314 page 1 (a) (b) page 2 (2) for "control and notification" amendment. Senator Ostmeyer seconded the motion including the conceptual amendment, "right of way." Motion adopted.*  
*(Attachment 3)*

*Senator Francisco moved, Senator McGinn seconded amendment 6 (c). Motion failed.*

*Senator Tyson moved, Senator Ostmeyer seconded the amendment clarifying "county commissioner board" page 2 (2) K.S.A. 2-1319. Motion adopted.*

*Senator Tyson moved Senate Substitute for **HB2479** as amended. Senator Kerschen seconded for favorable passage. Motion adopted.*

Chairman Powell thanked the committee for their service this legislative session. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

No additional meetings will be scheduled.