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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Room 514 - State House

August 29, 1975

Committee Present

- Senator Vincent Moore, Chairman
- Representative Ansel Tobias, Vice-Chairman
- Senator Dan Bromley
- Senator Don Christy
- Senator Leslie Droge
- Representative Kenneth Althaus
- Representative Gus Bogina
- Representative Theo Cribbs
- Representative Donald Mainey
- Representative W. Edgar Moore
- Representative Irving Niles
- Representative Rip Reeves
- Representative Fred Rosenau

Staff Present

- Ramon Powers, Legislative Research Department
- Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
- Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes

Others Present

- Representative Francis Gordon

On August 29, the members of the Special Committee on Energy and Natural Resources assembled in Room 514 of the Capital for a briefing by Herbert Bulk, Shawnee County Extension Director, who had been asked to set up a tour of urban and rural sites in conjunction with the Committee's study of soil and sediment control legislation. Subsequent to the briefing, Mr. Bulk, assisted by Max Morris and Evan Swartz, conducted a tour of sites in Shawnee County which are illustrative of soil disturbing activities which could lead to soil loss and sediment movement or uncontrolled erosion which results in potential soil loss.

The sites visited by the Committee were: an urban development construction site located in the area of 35th and Randolph in Topeka; a field under cultivation located on Southwest 61st Street (about five miles southwest of Topeka); and a rough pasture area located about four miles southwest of Topeka. Other sites were viewed from the cars as the Committee toured.

Following the morning tour, the Committee was called to order by the Chairman for the afternoon meeting. Minutes for the meeting of June 24 and 25 were approved as written. A correction of the July minutes was requested by the Chairman. He stated that the Committee had, at that meeting, authorized creation of an advisory committee with engineering and technical experience to advise this committee on energy consumption standards for various categories of structures. The following were requested to serve, without compensation, on the advisory committee:

1. Stan Matthews, Denver, Colorado, President of National Mineral Wool Insulation Association
2. Frank Applegate, State Architectural Services
3. Representation from Mechanical Contractors of Kansas
4. Representative from Kansas Architect's Association
5. Dr. Robert Robel, K.S.U., and advisor to Energy Committee

Senator Moore indicated that he was also to be a member of the advisory committee. Minutes of the July 28 and 29 meeting were approved as corrected.

Senator Moore then asked Committee members for their thoughts on the morning tour with particular reference to S.B. 12 and the hearings to be held in September.

Each member of the Committee discussed his views relating to S.B. 12. There appeared to be a consensus that some changes in the bill would be desirable with particular discussion centered on the penalty provisions, clarification of the location of responsibility for administration in urban areas, and specified guidelines for cost sharing. Several members expressed reservations about mandatory soil loss and sediment abatement legislation being enacted at this time. Reservations were also expressed about the farm plan requirements developed by the Soil Conservation Service as applied to individual farm and ranch plans. One member expressed an interest in reviewing the Iowa law again prior to any final decision relating to S.B. 12.

Following the discussion of the soil and sediment control issue, the Committee then turned to S.B. 84. The Chairman stressed that some decision needed to be made on the bill. After considerable discussion, Senator Droge moved that the Committee send the bill back to the legislature and recommend that it not be passed. Representative Reeves seconded the motion. General discussion of the issue ensued. Some Committee members wanted a "day in court" bill for service station dealers. It was stressed that the gas shortage creates new problems and the small independent dealers could be left out. Another member argued that S.B. 84 would not solve that problem. Representative Reeves finally called for the question. Motion passed.

The Committee then discussed plans for the tour of the state to be held September 22, 23, 24 and 25 at which testimony on S.B. 12 would be received. A summary of the bill, prepared by the Revisors Office, was handed out. Also, two draft press releases were handed out to members. It was decided to contact the following groups about these meetings: League of Municipalities, Farm Bureau, Soil Conservation Districts, County Agents, Wheat Growers Association, Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry and the Kansas Contractors Association. It was stated that plans were being made to rent a bus to take Committee members to the various meeting places. After some discussion of scheduling the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Prepared by Ramon Powers

Approved by Committee on:

10-22-75

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