

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

The meeting was called to order by Senator Charlie L. Angell at
Chairperson

8:00 a.m./p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 1984 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Paul Hess

Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers, Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor's Office
LaVonne Mumert, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe Harkins, Director, Kansas Water Office

Senator Werts moved that the minutes of the January 24, 1984 meeting be approved. Senator Chaney seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

S.B. 510 - Water resource planning process

Joe Harkins testified in support of the bill. He explained it creates a process for the adoption of the State Water Plan by resolution of the Legislature. At the present time, the State Water Plan law only provides for adoption of a water plan in the form of a statute. Mr. Harkins said this bill simply clarifies the role and responsibility of the Water Office in preparing a plan. Responding to a question from Senator Werts, Mr. Harkins said the bill provides that a resolution setting out the policies adopted by the Legislature would be a part of a document. The document itself would be advisory and explain the key policies that were adopted by the resolution.

Chairman Angell advised that the Fish and Game Commission had called and said they had no problems with S.B. 510.

The Revisor pointed out that K.S.A. 82a-703a should be included in the bill and the word "enacts" changed to "adopts". Senator Werts moved that the bill be amended as suggested by the Revisor. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Senator Werts moved that the bill be reported favorable, as amended, for passage. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion, and the motion carried 9-0.

S.B. 501 - Reclassification Kansas Water Office positions; termination of certain employees

Senator Rehorn moved that S.B. 501 be reported favorable for passage. Senator Gannon seconded the motion, and the motion carried 7-2.

S.C.R. 1646 - Governor's Water Planning Committee negotiating for water supplies in federal reservoirs

Mr. Harkins explained this bill would give formal standing to an ad hoc committee established by the Governor last year. This committee would initiate negotiations with the federal government to acquire a higher access and control over water in federal reservoirs. Mr. Harkins said there are questions about the control of this water. Also, Kansas has not acquired all the space available for future water supplies in Kansas. Mr. Harkins stated that these factors point to the need to find out what kind of an arrangement or deal can be reached.

Senator Vidricksen asked about possible municipal use of water from Wilson Lake. Mr. Harkins said the water is of low quality because of the salt content, but it could possibly be a future source as technology is improved. Answering a question from Vice-Chairman Kerr, Mr. Harkins said the impetus for the bill came through the process of developing the State Water Plan. Responding to a question from Senator Gannon, Mr. Harkins stated that Wichita and El Dorado have successfully negotiated with the federal government for water in reservoirs. Senator Chaney asked about the conflict surrounding the Missouri River. Mr. Harkins said that Kansas is not a party to the lawsuit but is working with other concerned states in an attempt to develop a mechanism to prevent this type of conflict in the future.

Senator Werts moved that S.C.R. 1646 be reported favorable for passage. Senator Roitz

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room 123-S, Statehouse, at 8:00 a.m./~~xxx~~ on Wednesday, January 25, 1984

seconded the motion, and the motion carried 10-0.

Staff reviewed the held-over bills in Committee.

S.B. 21 - Leasing of state lands for mineral production; Re Proposal No. 33

Senator Roitz moved that S.B. 21 be reported adversely. Vice-Chairman Kerr seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

S.B. 148 - Confiscation of property used in connection with violation of fish and game laws

Senator Feleciano moved that S.B. 148 be reported adversely. Senator Chaney seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-4.

S.B. 146 - Natural gas well underproduction cancellation

Chairman Angell moved that S.B. 146 be reported adversely. Senator Chaney seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

S.B. 178 - Covenant to explore and develop oil and gas leases, presumption

Senator Rehorn moved that S.B. 178 be reported adversely. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

S.B. 234 - Residential energy audits

Senator Vidricksen moved that S.B. 234 be reported adversely. Senator Werts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

S.B. 235 - Thermal standards for newly constructed dwellings and commercial buildings

Senator Vidricksen moved that S.B. 235 be reported adversely. Senator Roitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m. by the Chairman. The next meeting of the Committee will be at 8:00 a.m. on January 26, 1984.

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