

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The meeting was called to order by Representative Ron Fox at  
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~ p.m. on February 20, 1985, 1985 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Heinemann (excused)

Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers, Legislative Research  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Betty Ellison, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Samuel Burr Sifers

Representative Sifers, a sponsor of House Bill 2317, described the bill as a local one, and asked that the committee pass it out favorably. Representative Fox, the other sponsor of the bill, answered questions of committee members concerning it. He explained that he called it a "window bill" because it would open a window so that the Kansas Water Company and the Johnson County Water District 1 would be able to possibly negotiate a buy-out or possibly supply water to the Kansas Water Company through the Johnson County Water District 1. Representative Fox offered an amendment to the bill which would clarify "private or public" and change the reference in line 85 to "19-3507a and 19-3508".

Representative Spaniol made a motion to adopt the amendment to House Bill 2317. The motion was seconded by Representative Patrick. The motion carried.

Representative Spaniol moved that House Bill 2317 as amended be recommended favorably for passage. Representative Rosenau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Fox appointed a special subcommittee to study House Bill 2256, Representative Barr's bill relating to groundwater. The subcommittee chairman would be Representative Mollenkamp, with Representatives Barr, Guldner, and L. Fry, who were asked to provide a proposed bill with amendments.

In the next order of business, Representative Foster moved that Senate Bill 49 be recommended favorably for passage. Representative Barr seconded the motion. Following some discussion concerning the intent of the bill, it was decided to defer action until this could be clarified.

Representative Barr moved that because the deadline was nearing, the committee request bill drafts on the recommendations of the water plan. Representative Patrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Patterson gave a report on the Energy Subcommittee meeting of February 13, providing copies of the minutes of that meeting. Representative Spaniol moved that the subcommittee report be adopted. Representative Acheson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee will be held on February 25, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 313-S.

