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MINUTES OF THE House Sub COMMITTEE ON Natural Resources

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Spaniol at _____
Chairperson

3:30 ~~xxx~~ a.m./p.m. on March 23, 1987 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barr
Representative Sifers

Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers, Research Department

Arden Ensley, Revisors' Office
Betty Meyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ken Kern, State Conservation Commission, testified on behalf of SB 51.
He stated the Commission supports the bill. Then he touched upon SB39, SB41, and
SB42, saying that the Commission supports all the preceding bills listed. (Attachment 1)

Representative Charlton asked Mr. Kern to prioritize the water bills. He put
SB 51 first, followed by SB 41.

Kerry Wedel, Kansas Water Office, spoke briefly on behalf of the water bills.

Darryl Montei, Kansas Fish and Game Commission, also spoke briefly on the bills.

Hearings concluded on the water bills.

A motion was made by Representative Shore and seconded by Representative Lacey
to recommend SB 40 back to committee. The motion passed. STANDING COMM. 3/26/87

A motion was made by Representative Sughrue and seconded by Representative Charlton
to Recommend SB 41 back to Committee as a whole unamended. The motion passed.
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A motion was made by Representative Shore and seconded by Representative Rezac
to recommend SB 51 favorably back to the committee. The motion carried.
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The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. by Chairman Spaniol.



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HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Senate Bill 51

TESTIMONY BY
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The State Conservation Commission supports SB-51 and has the following role in the Riparian and Wetlands Protection Program:

1. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: Gather information and work with local, state and federal entities to develop a state protection program. Entities are:
 - a. Conservation districts and association
 - b. Fish and Game Commission
 - c. State and Extension Forestry
 - d. Soil Conservation Service
 - e. Division of Water Resources, State Board of Agriculture
 - f. Department of Health and Environment
 - g. Kansas Biological Survey
 - h. Kansas Water Office
2. DEVELOPMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS: These will provide standard guidelines for conservation districts and include:
 - a. Assignment of responsibilities
 - b. Development of district program
 - (1) Contents of district program
 - (a) Description of the resources
 - (b) Identification of specific problems and goals
 1. Background information
 2. Analysis and evaluation
 3. Establishment of priorities

(c) Program plan requirements

1. Technical assistance

2. Financial assistance

3. Educational program

(d) Implementation

1. Applicable local, state and federal programs

2. Timetables to accomplish program goals

(e) Monitoring and evaluation

c. Provisions for public meeting before adoption of district program.

3. GUIDANCE AND TRAINING: Provide assistance in the development and implementation of district programs.

4. EVALUATION: Review and evaluation of district programs.

The State Conservation Commission also supports related SB-39, Stream Obstruction; SB-40, Environmental Coordination Act; SB-41, Minimum Desirable Stream Flow; and SB-42, Conservation Easements.