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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Sallee at 8:00 a.m. on January 23, 1996 in Room 254-E- of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Phil Martin
Senator Steve Morris, Excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Ardan Ensley, Revisor of Statutes
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hammerschmidt, Director, Bureau of Environment, KDHE

Others attending: See attached list

The chairperson announced that there were requests for introduction of bills.

Senator Emert requested introduction of a bill concerning Hunters Safety Courses. He stated he had been approached by National Guardsmen requesting that they and those serving in the military or who had served in the Military be exempted from safety courses required for hunters.

Senator Emert, made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Vancrum seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Emert requested introduction of a bill which would do away with the Kansas Coal Commission. He stated the commission was supposed to meet on a yearly basis and was required to file an annual report. The commission last met in July, 1993 and an annual report has not been filed since 1991. Therefore, Senator Emert requested a bill which would abolish the Kansas Coal Commission.

Senator Emert, with a second from Senator Tillotson, moved to introduce the bill. The motion carried.

Senator Sallee requested introduction of a bill which would allow royalty payments no greater than \$10 per month to be paid on an annual basis. This bill was requested due to the expense covering the issuance and mailing of numerous small royalty checks.

Senator Vancrum moved to introduce the bill. Senator Hardenburger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Sallee requested introduction of a bill that would permit anyone in the state to manufacture and sell freon. Arizona has passed such legislation. He told the committee that at some point in the future freon would be banned by the federal government and it would cause all older air conditioning units in vehicles and homes to be converted. He further stated there has been no substantial proof that the freon presently being used is actually damaging to the environment. He also noted that federal law will eventually supersede such legislation.

Senator Vancrum made a motion to introduce the bill with a second from Senator Emert. The motion carried.

SB 484--Amending the Kansas storage tank act; abolishing the petroleum storage tank release compensation advisory board

Ron Hammerschmidt, Director of Environment, KDHE, appeared before the committee in support of SB 484 stating that due to early and appropriate planning Kansas had avoided numerous problems encountered by other states in their petroleum storage tank release program (Attachment 1). Therefore the advisory board has had limited activity and any further business could be carried out through an ad hoc committee.

Senator Emert moved, with a second by Senator Lee to pass SB 484. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 1996.

State of Kansas

Bill Graves



Governor

Department of Health and Environment

James J. O'Connell, Secretary

Testimony presented to

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

by

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Senate Bill 484

We thank the committee for introducing Senate Bill 484, which incorporates the Secretary of KDHE's recommendation to abolish the petroleum storage tank release compensation advisory board. Due to limited activities of the advisory board for the past two to three years, we agree that the functions of this board could adequately be performed by an ad hoc committee if changes to rules and regulations or other issues arise in the administration of this program. Currently, the rules, regulations and administration of the program are well settled and there is no need to maintain the current statutory requirement for this inactive committee.

Testimony presented by:

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Bureau of Environmental Remediation
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*Senate Energy & Nat'l Resources
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Attachment 1*