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Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Sallee at 11:30 a.m. on March 27a, 1996 in Room 522-S- of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Emert, excused  
Senator Hardenburger, excused  
Senator Lee, excused  
Senator Martin, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m. in Room 522-S.

**SB 755 - concerning oil and gas; providing for payment of costs of remediation of certain contamination sites and costs of plugging, replugging and repairing certain wells and remediation of pollution from such wells**

Following a brief discussion **Senator Morris moved to delete the 1995 Senate Bill 76's prohibition on spending money on the 17 remediation sites by the Kansas Corporation Commission. Senator Vancrum seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

In discussing funding of the bill the opinion was expressed that the water fund should not be used, that the bill was premature, also that large and small operations would pay the same portion. It was suggested that the water fund would be used because these measures were being taken to protect the state water supply.

**Senator Morris moved to add the Governor to the list of people who would receive the report. Senator Vancrum seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Discussion noted there was some thought given during interim resulting in the first portion of the bill. Due to the short time frame for bill consideration, a concensus could not be reached, therefore the task force would be charged to find some way to deal with future problems. It appears that some type of assurance from operators will be necessary and this will be one of the decisions that the task force must make. There was discussion and consideration on the issue of dry holes, when to collect the fee, also the question of whether everyone will take responsibility for their dry holes leaving them in the proper condition. A member noted the apparent intent of the Kansas Corporation Commission to continue to pursue those financially responsible. The issue of filing to drill and then not doing so and how to handle the fees were considered.

**Senator Vancrum, with a second from Senator Morris, moved to change "and" to "or" page 3, line 4. The motion carried.**

**Senator Vancrum moved to pass the bill out favorable as amended. The motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.  
No further meetings are scheduled for the 1996 Legislative Session.

