

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 p.m. on January 11, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:       Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
  Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
  Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statute's Office  
  Mary Ann Graham, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:        See Attached Sheet

Chairperson Joann Freeborn called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. She welcomed the committee and guests to the first meeting of the new session and asked each committee member to introduce themselves and give a brief summary of their background. She also introduced several Agency heads attending.

Doug Wareham, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, and Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Association, was welcomed to the committee. He presented information and itinerary concerning the Ag Information and Technology Tour which is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2001, for committee members. (See attachment 1)

The Chair asked if there were any Agency or individual bill introductions:

Tracy Streeter, Kansas Conservation Commission, requested a bill increasing maximum size of riparian buffers for tax valuation purposes. (See attachment 2) Rep. Bruce Larkin made a motion the bill be introduced. Rep. Ray Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clint Riley, Kansas Department Wildlife and Parks, requested two bills, (1) A bill requiring nonresidents to possess hunter safety certificate while hunting. (2) A bill revising commercial guide statutes.(See attachment 3) Rep. Dan Johnson made a motion the bills be introduced. Rep. Sharon Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Becky Hutchins made a motion to reintroduce 2000 water banking bill as amended by the House. Rep. Dennis McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Tom Sloan made a motion to introduce a bill relating to multipurpose small lakes projects and recovery of project costs. Rep. Sharon Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Dennis McKinney made a motion to introduce a bill for property tax exemption for E-85 fuel dispensing equipment. Rep. Vaughn Flora seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chair closed the floor for bill introductions and brought the committee's attention to the House Environment Committee Rules that had been distributed. (See attachment 4).

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2001.