

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 p.m. on January 18, 2000 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: 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 new House Environment committee member Representative Ray Merrick to the committee. He introduced himself and gave a brief background of his career. He is replacing Representative Phyllis Gilmore of District 27.

The Chairperson asked at this time if there were any agency bill requests. No one came forward. She asked if there were any committee bill requests.

Representative Laura McClure made a motion to introduce a Concurrent Resolution urging the Kansas Department of Transportation to develop and implement a system for the inventorying and replanting of trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses as a part of all highway projects. Representative Henry Helgerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Tom Sloan made a motion to introduce a bill concerning public wholesale water supply districts; relating to the powers and duties thereof. Representative Henry Helgerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Tom Sloan made a motion to introduce a bill concerning public water supply systems; concerning regulation and related fees; providing exemptions from certain fees and taxes. Representative Henry Helgerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Freeborn closed the floor for bill requests. She announced that personnel from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Secretary Steve Williams; Clint Riley, Department Attorney; and Rob Manes of the Pratt, Kansas office are in attendance today and will meet with committee members after the committee meeting to discuss deer issues. Representative Eugene O'Brien will be in attendance also.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2000.