

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 P.M. on March 7, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bill Light- excused
Representative Pat George- excused
Representative Vaughn Flora- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes Office
Pam Shaffer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hammerschmidt, Kansas Department of Health of Environment
John Mitchell, Director, Bureau of Environmental Field Services, Department of Health and Environment
James Gulliford, Regional Administrator, Region VII, United State Environmental Protection Agency

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Freeborn asked that everyone in the gallery sign the guest log. She announced the agenda for Thursday, March 9th's meeting: Possible action on **SB386 - Air contaminant emission sources, regional haze and SB453 - Environmental laws; compliance audit privilege; immunity; lesser penalties for violations**. Unless more bills are received by the committee, there will be no scheduled meeting the week of March 13. There will be a meeting on March 21st for the purpose of approving the committee minutes .

Chairperson Freeborn opened **SB362 - Solid waste, industrial facilities, permits** for final action.

A copy of a letter from Steve Mitchell, Sunflower Electric, was given to each committee member (See attachment 1) stating that Sunflower Electric is willing to accept the balloon offered at the Tuesday, March 2nd meeting by Kansas Department of Health and Environment(KDHE). A copy of the balloon is also attached (See attachment 2).

Representative Sloan moved to adopt the balloon submitted by KDHE, Representative Johnson seconded, motion carried.

Representative Hayzlett moved that **SB362** be recommended, as amended, favorable for passage, Representative Olson seconded, motion carried. Representative Hayzlett will carry the bill.

Chairperson Freeborn opened the hearing on **SB453**

Ron Hammerschmidt, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, introduced John Mitchell, Director, Bureau of Environmental Field Services, KDHE. Mr Mitchell testified as a proponent. (See attachment 3).

James Gulliford, Regional Administrator, Region VII, United States Environmental Protection Agency, proponent, testified. (See attachment 4).

Questions and discussion followed the testimony.

Chairperson Freeborn adjourned the meeting at 4:16. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 9th.