

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 1, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:       Raney Gilliland, :Legislative Research  
  Emalene Correll, Legislative Research  
  Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
  Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
  Ann McMorris, Secretary  
  Chris Crowder, Intern to Senator Clark

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Rocky Nichols  
Robert G. Haley, Jr., KDOT Director of Administration  
Rep. Dennis McKinney  
Eugene Swearingen, President, Kansas Soybean Assn., Hiawatha  
Bill Wiley, American Soybean Association, Lyndon  
Jere White, Kansas Cornrowers Association, Garnett  
Leslie Kaufman, Farm Bureau  
Joe Fritton, Division of Facilities & Management

Others attending: See attached list.

Senator Clark opened hearings on the following bills:

**SB 3 - Certain percentage of fuel purchased for state motor pool required to be ethanol blend**  
**SB 4 - Certain percentage of fuel purchased for state motor pool required to be biodiesel blend**

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research, briefed the committee on the background of **SB 3** and **SB 4** which were introduced by the Special Committee on Utilities, an interim committee appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

Neutral

Robert Haley, Director of Division of Administration, KDOT (Attachment 1)

Proponents:

Rep. Rocky Nichols (Attachment 2)  
Rep. Dennis McKinney (Attachment 3)  
Eugene Swearingen, President, Kansas Soybean Association, Hiawatha (Attachment 4)

Bill Swearingen noted that soybeans are a remarkable resource which are not being used to their potential and which would be a good resource for biodiesel fuel. He provided a list of Kansas Biodiesel distributors. He urged that the bills be expanded to cover vehicles owned by KDOT, state universities, Wildlife and Parks and other state agencies.

Bill Wiley, American Soybean Association, Lyndon

Bill Wiley reaffirmed the comments from Mr. Swearingen and added there is a safety factor in using biodiesel fuel, storage is easy and it can be used in any current diesel engine.

Jere White, Kansas Cornrowers Association, Garnett (Attachment 5)  
Leslie Kaufman, Farm Bureau (Attachment 6)



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Opponents:

Joe Fritton, Division of Facilities & Management (Attachment 7)

Joe Fritton provided statistics on the (1) number of diesel engine vehicles (four) owned by the state motor pool, (2) there are around 8500 state owned vehicles, (3) availability of biodiesel and ethanol fuel in pumps throughout the state, (4) cost to the state for the various types of fuel. Due to lack of pumps with ethanol or biodiesel throughout the state it would be difficult to meet the intent of this legislation. He suggested that other state agencies be included but did not have information on number of diesel engine vehicles in state-owned vehicles.

Chair opened for questions from the committee. Chair announced continuation of hearings on **SB 3** and **SB 4** and possible committee action on Monday, February 5.

Next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be Monday, February 5, 2001.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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