

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Bogner, Chairman Water TAP Subcommittee, Kansas Water Congress
Richard Wenstrom, Farm owner, and Water Protection Assoc of Central KS
Steve Swaffar, Kansas Farm Bureau
Scott Carlson, Ks Conservation Commission
Paul Tobia, Vice President, Kansas Water Congress
Mark Rude, Executive Director, Groundwater Management Water District #3
Kent Lamb, Chairman State Affairs Committee, Kansas Water Congress
Charles Benjamin, Sierra Club
Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Authority
Sharon Faulk, Big Bend Groundwater Management Water District #5
Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council
Pat Lehman, Groundwater Management Water District #4
Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association
Lane Letourneau, Manager, Water Appropriations
Duane Simpson, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Freeborn asked that everyone sign the guest list, she announced the agenda for next Thursday, February 9; possible action on bills previously heard, briefing on chronic wasting disease in deer by department of Wildlife and Parks, Presentation on Encroachment Management Through Use of Army Compatible Use Buffers (ACUB) by Craig Phillips, Fort Riley. Everyone has been given copy of **HB2716 - Granting of easement for diversion works on Kansas river for water district number 1 of Johnson county with balloons, (See attachment 1)** and a copy of fiscal notes for **HB2710 - Creates the water right transition assistance program (See attachment 2)** and **HB2716 (See attachment 3)**.

Chairperson Freeborn opened the hearing on **HB2710**, she ask if there was anyone who had to leave for other commitments, if not, testimony would take place in the order people called in to get on the list. No one came forward needing to leave early.

Tom Bogner, Chairman, Water Transition Assistance Program Subcommittee, Kansas Water Congress, proponent, testified (See attachment 4).

Richard Wenstrom, farm owner, Water Protection Association of Central Kansas, proponent, testified (See attachment 5).

Steve Swaffar, Kansas Farm Bureau, proponent, testified (See attachment 6).

Scott Carlson, Assistant Director, State Conservation Commission, proponent, testified (See attachment 7).

Paul Tobia, Vice President, Kansas Water Congress, proponent, testified (See attachment 8).

Mark Rude, Executive Director of Southwest Groundwater Management, District #3, proponent, testified (See attachment 9).

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Kent Lamb, Chairperson for the State Affairs Committee of the Kansas Water Congress, proponent, testified (See attachment 10).

Charles Benjamin, Kansas Chapter of Sierra Club, proponent, testified (See attachment 11).

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Authority, proponent, testified (See attachment 12).

Sharon Faulk, Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5, proponent, testified (See attachment 13).

Leslie Kaufman, Executive Directory, Kansas Cooperative Council, proponent, testified (See attachment 14).

Pat Lehman, Groundwater Management District #4, proponent, testified (See attachment 15).

Mike Beam, Senior Vice President, Kansas Livestock Association, proponent, testified (See attachment 16).

Lane Letourneau, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, proponent, testified (See attachment 17).

Written testimony was given to each committee member from Carl Nuzman, Consulting Engineer/Hydrogeologist, proponent (See attachment 18).

Duane Simpson, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association, opponent, testified (See attachment 19).

Questions and discussion followed the testimony. Chairperson Freeborn closed the hearing on **HB2710**.

Chairperson Freeborn opened the hearing on **HB2716**.

Rob Olson, Representative, District 26, proponent, testified (See attachment 20).

Michael Armstrong, General Manager Water District #1 of Johnson County, proponent, testified (See attachment 21).

Questions and discussion followed the testimony. Chairperson Freeborn closed the hearing on **HB2716**.

Chairperson Freeborn adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 9.