

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Schwartz at 3:30pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ponka-We Victors – Excused

Representative Joe Seiwert – Excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department

Shirley Jepson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Natalie Scott, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Discussion & action on: SB156 — Allowing certain expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund.

Chair Schwartz opened the discussion on **SB156**.

Natalie Scott, Revisor, provided a brief explanation of the bill, noting that **SB156** provides for certain expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund. Ms. Scott noted that the bill raises the limit on the fund from \$75,000 to \$95,000.

*Representative Moxley moved to recommend **SB156** favorable for passage. Motion seconded by Representative Lusker.*

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Scott explained that **HB2278** removes reference to the association of official analytical chemists in agricultural liming materials provisions. The bill had a hearing in Committee on February 18, 2015; passed favorably out of Committee on February 24, 2015; however, has been stricken from the calendar under General Orders.

*Representative Francis made a substitute motion to amend **SB156** by adding the language of **HB2278**. Motion seconded by Representative Dierks. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

Chair Schwartz reminded the Committee that **HB2227** had a hearing on February 12, 2015, and during discussion on February 24, 2015, the Committee voted to table the bill. The Chair requested that the Revisor explain what conspired after the bill was tabled.

Ms. Scott explained that stakeholders in the legislation met to resolve discrepancies in **HB2227** resulting in the introduction of **SB275**. A copy of **SB275** was distributed to the Committee. **SB275** is

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currently residing in the Senate Natural Resources Committee and scheduled for a hearing on Thursday, March 18, 2015. Because of the lateness in the Legislative process, the Committee is being asked to adopt a balloon amendment to incorporate the language of **SB275** into **SB156**.

*Representative Lusker moved to amend **SB156** by inserting the language of **SB275**. Motion was seconded by Representative Dierks. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

*Representative Dierks moved to recommend **SB156** as amended favorable for passage. Motion seconded by Representative Francis. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

Discussion & action on: HB2304 — Creating the local conservation lending program.

Natalie Scott, Revisor, explained that **HB2304**, which had a hearing on March 11, 2015, creates the local conservation lending program. The secretary of the Department of Health and Environment is required to prepare a non-point source management plan that will identify eligibility criteria for borrowers and costs, practices eligible for funding, project completion requirements and other program requirements. In addition, the secretary shall authorize a linked deposit using long-term investment funds available from the Kansas water pollution control revolving fund or other available sources into an eligible financial institution in the form of investments.

Because of the lateness of the legislative process, Chair Schwartz requested that the Committee consider amending the contents of **HB2304** into a Senate bill.

The Committee noted that testimony heard during the hearing on **HB2304** on March 11, 2015, requested that language in the bill contained in Section 1(a)(2)(B) "any political subdivision of the state" be stricken, noting that removal of this language will allow watershed districts and other entities that fall under this definition to participate in the proposed program, which is the intent of the proposed bill.

*Representative Dierks moved to recommend **SB36** favorable for passage. Motion seconded by Representative Wilson.*

The Chair reminded the Committee that the contents of **SB36** were amended by the Committee into **SB52** on March 17, 2015.

*Representative Sloan made a substitute motion to move the contents of **HB2304**, including the technical amendment as requested, into **SB36** for **House Substitute for SB36**. Motion seconded by Representative Wilson. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

*Representative Sloan moved to recommend **House Substitute for SB36** favorable for passage. Motion seconded by Representative Clark. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm. The next meeting is "on call of the chair".