

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 P.M. on January 24, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bill Light- excused
Representative Tom Hawk- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rod Bremby, Secretary Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Freeborn reminded everyone to please sign the attendance sheet being passed around. She announced the agenda for Thursday, January 26, bill requests; a briefing on abandoned oil and gas wells to be given by Bob Jenkins and Maurice Korphage both of the Kansas Corporation Commission, and possible action on **HB2558 - Conservation and environmental protection or encroachment restriction districts**.

Chairperson Freeborn announced that all committee members were given a handout of a Report on **SB364** overview that was provided by Lane Letourneau, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources. (See attachment 1)

Chairperson Freeborn than asked if there were any bill requests: Brent Haden, Kansas Livestock Association introduced a bill, inspection of dams by chief engineer; access to private property; costs of inspection. Representative Knox moved to introduce the bill, Representative Johnson seconded, motion carried. (See Attachment 2)

Woody Moses, Kansas Aggregate Producers Association requested introduction of a bill. There were amendments proposed last week to HB2558, now they decided to introduce a bill of their own (See attachment 3) Representative Hayzlett moved to introduce the bill, Representative Menghini seconded, motion carried

Chairperson Freeborn stated that Representative Flora was on this list to introduce a bill, she asked if there was someone present to represent him, no one came forward, she stated that the committee will return to bill requests after Mr. Bremby's overview.

Chairperson Freeborn introduced Rod Bremby, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment to present an overview of the Division of Environment. (See attachment 4) Questions and discussion followed Mr. Bremby's overview.

Chairperson Freeborn thanked Mr. Bremby for his overview, and returned to bill requests.

Representative Flora requested introduction of two bills the first bill was regarding buying deer licenses across the counter for non residents, the second bill addressed that when there is an oil spill landowners must be notified. Representative Flora moved to introduce these bills, Representative Flaharty seconded, motion carried.

Chairperson Freeborn adjourned the meeting, the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 26.