

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 3:30 P.M. on March 5, 2007, in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Holmes - excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Woody Moses, Managing Director, Kansas Aggregate Producers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on SB 249 - Cities and counties; creation of natural resources districts

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department, outlined **SB 249** for committee members, stating the purpose of the bill is to enact a new provision of the law to allow establishment of natural resource development districts for persons who own or lease property and intend to develop that property. Information regarding the specified district would then be available to future landowners and developers. In answer to questions, Mr. Gilliland stated that there is no specific definition of natural resources; the assumed option for this point in time is for aggregates and surface material.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 249** - Cities and counties; creation of natural resources districts.

Woody Moses, Managing Director, Kansas Aggregate Producers Association, stated that quality deposits of rock, sand and gravel need to be protected (Attachment 1). He recalled that the recommendations found in the Kansas Natural Resources Alliance report given to the Legislature in 2004 provide for measures to be adopted to preserve access to natural resources. Referring to an article attached to his testimony, Mr. Moses reiterated the importance of resource planning on the part of local governments in the procurement of natural resources. He stated further the importance of having information readily available for future developments.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 249** .

The Chairman called for consideration of **SB 146** - amending the solid waste and waste tire management program and noted for the members the information previously requested from Bill Bider, Director, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Attachment 2). Raney Gilliland commented that the memo provides the statistics regarding use of waste tires. He then answered questions to help clarify for the committee the various facets implied if the bill becomes law.

Following discussion, the Chairman formulated a sub-committee hearing to be conducted on **SB 146**. Members interested in serving will be announced at the next meeting.

The Chairman called for consideration of **SB 190** - Amending the storage tank act.

Representative Feuerborn moved to pass SB 190 favorably and place it on the Consent Calendar. Representative Svaty, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is to be held March 6, 2007.