

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 p.m. on February 24, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dan Thimesch- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland Legislative Research Department

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes

Mary Ann Graham, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Joann Freeborn called the meeting to order. She announced that she does not plan to have the committee work **HB2607** - Concerning Solid Waste Management. **HB2620** - Concerning water; establishing a program to assist in converting from irrigated agricultural land use to non-irrigated land use, will not be worked this year. She will recommend it for a summer interim or a stake holders study group. The committee will not be meeting next Tuesday, March 2, the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, and will be hearing **SB 463** - An act concerning appropriation of water for beneficial use; relating to perfection of water rights.

Chairperson Freeborn opened **Proposed Substitute for HB2583** for committee discussion.

**Proposed Substitute for HB 2583: Recreational trails; noncompliance by responsible party; remedies.**

The Chairperson recognized Rep. Tom Sloan, he reviewed a Subcommittee report on the bill. (See attachment 1) The subcommittee was chaired by Rep. Joann Freeborn; other members were, Rep. Tom Sloan; and Rep. Vaughn Flora.

Rep. Tom Sloan made a motion the balloon for **Proposed Substitute for HB2583** be adopted. Rep. Vaughn Flora seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Tom Sloan made a motion to strike language on page 8, section 3, subsection (f), (3) and renumber remaining numbers accordingly. (See attachment 1) Rep. James Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Vaughn Flora made a motion to add a new subsection to section 3: (g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any recreational trail for which the responsible party is a governmental entity. (See attachment 2). Motion failed.

Rep. Tom Sloan made a motion **Proposed Substitute for HB2583** be passed favorably as amended. Rep. Dan Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Freeborn opened **HB2480** for committee discussion.

**HB2480: Membership of the Kansas Water Authority.**

Rep. Tom Sloan made a motion **HB2480** be passed favorably. Rep. James Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Freeborn opened **HB2674** for committee discussion.