

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 1:30 P.M. on February 12, 2007 in Room 235-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lura Attig, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevin Yoder, Representative, 20th District
Jan Alderson, Instructor, Shawnee Mission South High School
Dr. Valerie Wright, Konza Prairie Biological Station; Kansas Native Plant Society
Joan Leavins, Citizen

Others attending:

See attached list.

HB 2386 - State grass; little bluestem.

Kevin Yoder, Representative, 20th District spoke in support of **HB 2386**. No written testimony was provided.

Jan Alderson, testified in support of **HB 2386** (Attachment 1). Jan Alderson is an instructor of biology, anatomy and physiology at Shawnee Mission South High School in the Shawnee Mission School District.

Ms. Alderson, her honors students and their parents have been working to have the Little Bluestem grass (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) named as the state grass.

Valerie Wright, PH.D., Education Coordinator, Konza Prairie Biological Station, Division of Biology, Kansas State University addressed the committee as a proponent of **HB 2386** (Attachment 2). The Konza Environmental Education Program has a mission to teach about the prairie ecosystem.

Joan Leavens, citizen of Overland Park, Kansas, former Education Director of the Blue River Watershed Association testified as a proponent of **HB 2386** (Attachment 3).

Chairman Powell closed the hearing on **HB 2386**.

Chairman Powell called for a Subcommittee Report on **HB 2070 - Intensive groundwater use control areas; time limitation on order of designation.**

Rep. Jason Watkins Chairman of the Subcommittee, gave a summation on the subcommittees findings. The major suggestion is that a moratorium on new IGUCAs (intensive groundwater use control areas) and the expansion of current IGUCAs be put in place until July 1, 2008. And that an interim study be commissioned to investigate the issues outlined in **HB 2070** and the subcommittee report (Attachment 4).

The committee accepted the report and agreed that an amendment be drafted placing a moratorium on new IGUCAs and the expansion of current IGUCAs be put in place until July 1, 2008. This amendment is to be presented at the next meeting.

HB 2168 - Relocation and other assistance for people in communities within a superfund site where substantial infrastructure has been lost.

Rep. Holmes made a motion to add an amendment on line 14, adding "located in Cherokee County and within a superfund site". Rep. Doug Gatewood made a motion the amendment be favorable for passage.

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Rep. Jason Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.