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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET  
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 1:30 p.m. on March 19, 2009, in Room 431-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kristen Kellems, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research

Diane Brian, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 Balloon amendment for **HB 2383**

Chairman Faber requested explanation of the balloon amendment on **HB 2383** from Revisor Kellems (Attachment 1).

Revisor Kellems went over the balloon amendment with the Committee. The main purpose of the balloon was to clarify the penalties and fees which would be transferred to the State General Fund, and to eliminate Section 6 which would have put the Water Fund fees into the State General Fund.

In response to Committee questions, Aaron Dunkel, Deputy Secretary of KDHE, stated that the amounts received from the EPA for fines and/or penalties are generally a reimbursement for the additional staff time required for testing, interviews and reports. The exact amount was unknown at this time.

Representative Powell, moved to pass the balloon amendment on **HB 2383**. The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, moved to pass **HB 2383** favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Lukert. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 01:45 p.m. The next meeting will be "on call of the Chair".