

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joann Freeborn at 3:30 P.M. on February 14, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Gary Hayzlett- excused
Representative Vaughn Flora- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Sloan, Representative, 45th District
Greg Foley, Executive Directory, State Conservation Commission
Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association
RoxAnne Miller, Kansas Land Trust
Rose Bacon, Rancher/landowner, Council Grove
David Webb, Realtor/auctioneer/appraiser, Stillwell, KS
Bill Sproul, Rancher/landowner, Sedan, KS
Steve Swaffar, Kansas Farm Bureau

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Freeborn ask everyone to sign the guest list. She announced Thursday's agenda: Hearings on: **HB2756 - Kansas storage tank act, reimbursement for upgrades and closures; HCR6008 - Resolution urging the United States army corps of engineers to approve a plan by the state of Kansas for the reservoirs of Kansas; HB2875 - Concerning inspection fees for works constructed for appropriation of water for beneficial use. Possible action on: HB2710 - Creates the water transition assistance program; HB2756 - Kansas storage tank act, reimbursement for upgrades and closures; and HCR6008 - Resolution urging the United States army corps of engineers to approve a plan by the state of Kansas for the reservoirs of Kansas.**

Chairperson Freeborn opened final action:

HB2716- Granting of easement for diversion works on Kansas river for water district number 1 of Johnson county. The Fiscal note states costs of between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Representative Olson had a correction on the bill, a balloon (See attachment 1), Representative Olson moved to adopt the balloon, Representative Light seconded, motion carried. Representative Olson moved HB2716, as amended be recommended favorable for passage, Representative Light seconded, motion withdraw. Representative Hawk made a motion for a conceptual amendment to add verbiage that the state would not be financially harmed in any way, Representative Olson seconded, discussion followed, motion carried. Representative Olson moved that HB2716 be passed as amended, Representative Light seconded, motion carried. Representative Olson will carry.

HB2757 - Requiring notification of oil and gas spills to landowners. Negligible costs that could be absorbed within existing resources. Representative Johnson moved to adopt the balloon which was passed out by Representative Sloan at the February 9 Committee Meeting adding "or the representative of the landowners" to line 13 (See attachment 2) Representative Sloan seconded, motion carried. Representative Johnson motioned for HB2757 be passed as amended, Representative Slaty seconded, motion carried. Representative Johnson will carry

HCR5029 - Congress urged to ban MTBF in gasoline by January 1, 2010. Representative Sloan moved to recommend **HCR5029** favorable for passage, Representative Hawk seconded, motion carried. Representative Slaty will carry.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairperson Freeborn opened the hearing on **HB2556**. Copy of the Fiscal Notes (See attachment 3) was given to all committee members.

Tom Sloan, Representative, 45th District, Lawrence, proponent, testified, (See attachment 4). Representative Sloan had balloons for **HB 2556**, copy was given to each member of the committee. (See attachment 5).

Greg Foley, Executive Director, State Conservation Commission, proponent, testified, (See attachment 6).

Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Assoc, proponent, testified, (See attachment 7).

Roxanne Miller, Kansas Land Trust, proponent, testified, (See attachment 8).

Rose Bacon, Rancher/landowner, Council Grove, KS, proponent, testified (See attachment 9).

David Webb, Auctioneer/appraiser, Stillwell, KS, proponent, testified (See attachment 10).

Bill Sproul, Rancher/landowner, Sedan, KS, proponent, testified (See attachment 11).

Steve Swaffar, Kansas Farm Bureau, opponent, testified (See attachment 12).

Questions and discussion followed the testimony.

Chairperson Freeborn closed the hearing on **HB2556**.

Chairperson Freeborn adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 16.