

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Ostmeyer at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Steve Morris, excused
Senator Garrett Love, excused

Committee staff present:

Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephanie Gray, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Ostmeyer asked for final action on **HB 2685-reservoir improvements districts**.

Representative Carl Holmes, District 125, who had testified previously, reviewed background on how the bill was updated and worked in the House.

Questions from the Committee were answered.

Senator Francisco moved to amend **HB 2685** page 2, line 32 with "or are an eligible water right holder". Senator Abrams seconded. Motion carried.

Senator Abrams moved to pass out **HB 2685** favorably as amended, Senator Taddiken seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Ostmeyer called for final action on **SB271- pore space ownership**.

Representative Carl Holmes stated information about underground CO₂ and KCC wording in the statutes. Discussion from the Committee followed.

Senator Abrams moved to cause KCC to define pore space terminology for **SB271**, Senator Teichman seconded. Discussion followed.

Senator Francisco asked for the amendment prepared by Tamara Lawrence, assistant revisor, with a definition of pore space. David Wiese, revisor, left the meeting to make copies of the balloon amendment that Tamara Lawrence, revisor, had prepared. Senator Francisco shared a definition of pore space that she was proposing with the committee.

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The staff distributed additional copies of a balloon amendment that had been handed out previously.
(Attachment 1)

Senator Bruce made a substitute motion on **SB271** to add a definition for pore space as “openings between or within geologic material under surface lands, which may be referred to as voids or interstices”, Senator Pilcher-Cook seconded. Motion carried, with Senator Schmidt opposing.

Senator Bruce moved to give KCC direction to promulgate rules & regulations consistent with the administration & duties that would arise from passing **SB271** & including the administration of those who want to use pore space, and any further defining of the usage of pore space, Senator Abrams seconded. Motion carried, with Senator Schmidt opposing.

Senator Bruce moved to adopt the **SB271** March 1 proposed balloon amendment, but delete “of natural gas” after “underground storage”, Senator Abrams seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Senator Schmidt opposing.

Senator Abrams moved to pass out **SB271** favorably as amended; Senator Teichman seconded. Motion carried, with Senator Schmidt opposing.

Chairman Ostmeyer re-opened the continuation hearing on **HB2295- crossbow hunting during archery season**. Jason Thompson, revisor, stated information about the proposed balloon amendment prepared by Tamera Lawrence, revisor. (Attachment 2)

Senator Bruce moved to add the proposed balloon amendment to **HB2295**, Senator Abrams seconded. Questions and discussion from the Committee followed.

Representative Joe Seiwert, District 101, submitted written testimony in support of **HB2295**.
(Attachment 3)

Jason Thompson, senior revisor, reviewed the **HB2295** proposed balloon amendment for technical typing errors “healing arts & big game archery” & technical name change “wildlife, parks & tourism”. More discussion followed.

Senator Bruce moved to add the proposed balloon amendment to **HB2295** with technical changes. Senator Abrams seconded. Questions and discussion from the Committee followed. Motion carried.

Discussion followed.

Senator Schmidt moved to add “over age 55 and under age 17” to the **HB2295** proposed balloon amendment, Senator Francisco seconded. More discussion followed. Motion failed.

Vote count: 4 favor; 5 opposed.

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Senator Pilcher-Cook moved to table **HB2295**, Senator Francisco seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Vote count: 5 favor; 4 opposed-Bruce, Abrams, Schmidt, Ostmeyer.

Discussion followed.

The minutes for February 16, February 17, and March 1 were distributed for approval.

Senator Teichman moved to approve the minutes, Senator Abrams seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Ostmeyer announced that the next committee meeting will be Friday, March 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.