

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Tyson at 8:35 a.m. on February 12, 2001 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: all present

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Krase, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jamie Clover Adams, Secretary of Agriculture
Art Brown, Mid America Lumbermen's Assn.
Doug Wareham, Ks Grain and Feed, Ks Fertilizer and Chemical Assn.
Gregg Krissek, Ks Corn Growers
Mary Jane Stattelman, Administrator, Ks Agricultural Remediation Board
Brad Franz, Groundwater Management District No. 2
Jolene Grabill, REAP
Mike Taylor, City of Wichita

Others attending: See attached list

Staff of Legislative Research explained **SB 254**. Staff said it amends a section of law that was enacted last year, 2000 **SB 501** that enacted the Agricultural Remediation Program, and this bill deals with the section that raises the money that goes into the Agricultural Remediation Fund. The bill would vary the fee depending upon the dollar volume of annual sales of pesticides.

The first conferee and proponent of **SB 254** was Jamie Clover Adams. She noted that the estimated fees generated by **SB 501** are approximately \$100,000 lower than indicated in her testimony (Attachment 1). Questions and discussion followed.

The second conferee and proponent was Art Brown (Attachment 2). Questions and discussion followed.

The third conferee and proponent was Doug Wareham who represented Kansas Grain and Feed and Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Assn. (Attachment 3).

The fourth conferee and proponent was Gregg Krissek, Kansas Corn Growers (Attachment 4).

The fifth conferee and opponent of the bill was Mary Jane Stattelman, Administrator, Kansas Agriculture Remediation Board. She said their concerns included enforcement authority, refund or reimbursement authority, K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 2-3708, site cap, definition of a site, and reimbursement rate for businesses covered by this bill (Attachment 5). She noted that on page 4 of her testimony that in Minnesota, not Wisconsin, pesticide dealers pay \$150 into the remediation fund. Questions and discussion followed.

Senator Tyson declared the hearing on **SB 254** closed.

The hearing on **SB 264** opened and staff of Legislative Research made comments on the bill. Staff said the bill establishes separate statutory authority for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District. The bill makes some changes as to the amount of fees that can be charged for withdrawal of water from the Equus Beds. In addition, there are changes to the composition of the board of directors.

The first conferee was Brad Franz, Groundwater Management District No. 2 who was a proponent of **SB 264**

(Attachment 6).

The second conferee was Jolene Grabill, REAP, a proponent of the bill (Attachment 7).

The third conferee, Mike Taylor, City of Wichita, said that the City of Wichita was one of the largest single users of the district and supports removing the cap totally but if the cap is raised they would support that.

Senator Tyson asked Jolene Grabill and the others if they could come back on Friday, February 16 to continue discussion on this issue since time had run out this day.

Senator Downey explained why there needs to be an amendment to the bill and said the amendment basically speaks to raising the rate cap on water users from 98 cents to \$1.19.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 423-S.