

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:34 a.m. on January 23, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator David Corbin- excused
Senator Derek Schmidt- absent

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Linda Bradley, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mike Pepoon, Director of Government Relations, Sedgwick Co.
Karl Mueldener, Director Bureau of Water Regulation
Theresa Hodges, Director Bureau of Environmental Field Services

Others attending:

See Attached List.

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Bill Introductions

Mike Pepoon, Director of Government Relations in Sedgwick, Co. requested introduction of a bill to amend K.S.A. 65-3410 due to a definition change for "solid waste." Senator Journey made a motion to introduce the bill, Senator Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Theresa Hodges, Director Bureau of Environmental Field Services of KDHE, requested introduction of a bill to amend Kansas statute of fixing fees on Radiation Protection Services. Senator Lee made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Humbarger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Tyson made a motion to introduce a bill for the purpose of discussion in the Committee. The purpose of the bill would be to split Wildlife and Parks into a Department of Fish and Game, then move the Parks into Commerce and call it Commerce and Tourism. Senator Tyson said this would help get Tourism going in the State. Senator Tyson made the motion for purpose of discussion and Senator Taddiken seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Overview - KDHE

Senator Tyson introduced Karl Mueldener, Director Bureau of Water Regulations of the KDHE, to give an update. Mr. Mueldener presented a summary of activities conducted by the Department to implement K.S.A. 82a-2001 et.seq. (2001 **SB 204**) concerning water quality standards and how the standards apply to streams. Mr. Mueldener then introduced Theresa Hodges, Director Bureau of Environmental Field Services of KDHE, who spoke on field activities related to stream use designations. A copy of their testimony and Annual Report regarding the implementation of this statute is attached. (Attachment 1)

The Chairman then asked the Committee if there were questions. Senators Lee and Huelskamp asked a range of questions including how do you determine public access and how does it effect classification how long a stream segment is, and whether or not there was an impact to the rails-to-trails program.

The Chairman thanked the conferees for their presentations.

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Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 9:19 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2004.