

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 3:30 p.m. on February 17, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Pat Matzek, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

J. Michael Hayden, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Powell introduced J. Michael Hayden, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks, to begin testimony proceedings.

**Hearing on:**

**HB 2296 - Imposition of conservation fee on certain department of wildlife and parks licenses and permits and depositing proceeds in the state water plan fund.**

**Opponent:**

J. Michael Hayden, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks, spoke in opposition of **HB 2296**, (Attachments 1 and 2) documenting that this bill would result in a conflict with both state and federal law (50 CFR 80.4) regarding the use of license fees required for hunting and fishing. Mr. Hayden further stated the conservation fee and its deposit to the State Water Plan Fund would be considered a diversion and the Department of Wildlife and Parks would not be eligible for federal aid from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Questions were asked and comments were made.

**Proponents:**

**Written testimony in favor of HB 2296 provided by:**

Leslie Kaufman, Executive Director, Kansas Cooperative Council (Attachment 3)  
Mary Jane Stankiewicz, COO and Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (Attachment 4)

The hearing was closed on **HB 2296**.

Chairman Powell requested Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department explain **HB 2241**. Mr. Gilliland reported this bill states any person who operates or is responsible for the care and control of any oil, gas, injection, disposal, cathodic protection, natural gas storage injection or withdrawal or CO<sub>2</sub> injection shall place a well identification sign on or near that particular well. The bill would also give to the state corporation commission authority to adopt rules and regulations specifying the information be contained on the well sign.

No questions were asked or comments made.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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**Action on:**

**HB 2241 - Requiring well identification signs be placed on or near certain oil or gas wells.**

After members of the Committee's discussion, Representative Wolf made a motion to table the bill. Representative Kerschen seconded the motion. Chairman Powell called for a vote of the Committee and as no clear majority was evident, a Division was called for and by majority of the show of hands, the motion failed.

After further discussion, Representative Svaty made a motion to favorably pass the bill out. Representative Maloney seconded the motion. Chairman Powell called for a vote of the Committee and as no clear majority was evident, a Division was called for and by majority of the show of hands, the motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.