

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 1:30 p.m. on April 1, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except - Representative Hayzlett.

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:

John Donley, Assistant General Counsel, Kansas Livestock Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Powell opened the meeting with the introduction of John Donley, Assistant General Counsel, Kansas Livestock Association. Other stakeholder groups represented by Mr. Donley are:

Kansas Farm Bureau
Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association
Eastern Kansas Oil & Gas Association
Kansas Petroleum Council
Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association
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Southwest Kansas Irrigation Association
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Hearing on:

SB 184 - Sub for S 184 by Committee on Natural Resources – Surface owner notification.

Proponent:

John Donley, Assistant General Counsel, Kansas Livestock Association, (Attachment 1) spoke in favor of **Sub for SB 184**, stating the bill would enact the Kansas surface owner notice act relating to oil and gas operations. Currently, oil and gas operators are required to file a notice of intent to drill with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) as well as file a change of ownership and notice of abandonment, if the well is going to be abandoned. Mr. Donley further stated that what this legislation has done is added in the intent to drill application, a nonbinding preliminary estimate of the location of roads and pipelines, as well as tank batteries, and also requires the oil and gas operators on that application to put landowners records on the County Treasurer's data and they can either verify they have sent that notice to the surface owner from the County Treasurer's information or in the absence of that verification, the KCC will then send that notice on to the surface owner. In closing, Mr. Donley requested the Committee, as they consider the bill, that no changes be made in the present legislation.

Questions were asked and comments were made.

The hearing was closed on **Sub for SB 184**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Action on:

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Representative Johnson made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. Representative Hineman seconded the motion. By majority vote of the Committee, the motion was carried.

No additional meetings are anticipated for this session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.