

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on March 8, 2001 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: all present

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Judy Krase, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tracy Streeter, State Conservation Commission
Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Farm Bureau
Rod Geisler, Chief of Municipal Programs, Bureau of Water, Kansas
Department of Health and Environment
Mark Green, Superintendent of Water Pollution Control, City of Topeka
Dr. William Hargrove, Director, Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources
and the Environment, Kansas State University

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Tyson opened the meeting with the hearing on **HB 2048** and asked staff of Legislative Research to explain the bill. Raney Gilliland said the bill basically extends the distances with respect to the riparian buffer that would be qualified under the Kansas Water Quality Buffer Initiative from 150 feet to 180 feet.

The first conferee and proponent was Tracy Streeter, State Conservation Commission, and he said that during some of the discussions on this bill in the House it was pointed out that the definition of riparian buffer could stand some improvement and he is submitting a proposed amendment to the bill (Attachment 1). Questions and discussion followed.

The second conferee and proponent of **HB 2048** was Leslie Kaufman, representing Kansas Farm Bureau (Attachment 2).

Senator Tyson declared the hearing closed.

Senator Tyson then opened the hearing on **HB 2198** which concerns the Kansas water pollution control revolving fund and called on staff of Legislative Research to explain the bill. Raney Gilliland said the bill would allow expenditures from the fund to be used to make grants to qualifying projects as authorized by the Federal Appropriation Act of 1996 in accordance with the Rural Communities Hardship Grants Program guidelines, and also to make grants to qualifying projects as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 in accordance with the Wet Weather Water Quality Act of 2000.

The third conferee was Rod Geisler, Chief of Municipal Programs, Bureau of Water, KDHE who was a proponent of **HB 2198** (Attachment 3). Questions and discussion followed his testimony.

The fourth conferee was Mark Green from the City of Topeka, a proponent of the bill (Attachment 4). Questions and discussion followed.

Written testimony was submitted by Kim Gulley, Director of Policy Development and Communications, League of Kansas Municipalities (Attachment 5). She was a proponent of **HB 2198**.

Senator Tyson declared the hearing on **HB 2198** closed.

Conferee Dr. William Hargrove, Director, Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment, Kansas State University, gave a report on the Final Animal Waste Lagoon Research Project (Attachment 6). Questions and discussion followed his presentation.

Senator Huelskamp moved that the minutes of February 15, 16, and 19 be approved, seconded by Senator Lee. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 8:30 a.m.