

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on March 6, 2003 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senator Schmidt, Senator Downey, Senator Lee, Senator Tyson, Senator Taddiken, Senator Umbarger, Senator Huelskamp

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Shannon Stone, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Theresa Hodges, Director of Bureau of Environmental filed Services, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

Others attending: See attached guest list

Hearing on HB 2219

Legislative Research Department Staff, Raney Gilliland gave a quick overview of the **Substitute** for **HB 2219**.

Theresa Hodges presented testimony on behalf of the Department of Health and Environment supporting the bill. **Substitute HB 2219**, which is also supported by the League of Municipalities and several environmental organizations seeks to alleviate the Department of certain publishing requirements set forth in K.S.A. 75-5662. In past years, KDHE has seen very few requests for documents. The Department would still be required to make information available to the public but would rely more heavily on the internet as a means of making public all policies and guidelines. If the internet is not accessible to certain individuals, KDHE will make copies and send them to those who request copies. (Attachment 1)

A brief question and answer session followed testimony.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Hodges for her testimony.

Approval of Minutes/Adjournment

Senator Huelskamp made a motion to approve the minutes for February 17, 20, and 21. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.