

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Corbin at 8:10 a.m. on January 25, 2000 in 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Stiles, Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Corbin stated as per a recommendation of the interim committee on Environment a resolution directing the Kansas Water Office to pursue the purchase of water supply storage capacity in Kanopolis Reservoir from the United States Army Corps of Engineer had been prepared by the Kansas Water Office. Senator Vratil moved to have the resolution introduced as a committee resolution. The motion was seconded by Senator Stephens. Motion carried.

With a motion from Senator Morris and a second from Senator Goodwin the minutes of January 20 were approved.

Chairperson Corbin announced that later in the week he would be appointing a subcommittee to further study the water banking issue.

Senator Tyson said he was having a bill drafted relating to the overpopulation of deer in the state. He moved that the committee accept the conceptual request and the bill be introduced. Senator Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review of Total Daily Maximum Load Issue:

Tom Stiles, Department of Health and Environment, was called on for an update on the Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) Program. Mr. Stiles briefly reviewed the history of the issue and presented slides. He said a schedule is in place to establish the necessary TMDLs for the impaired waters in the state over an eight year period from 1999-2006. Responding to questions Mr. Stiles said they have received excellent participation from the agricultural groups to achieve the appropriate levels and the League of Municipalities is working with them. The key to implementation is time, money and participation, and each TMDL is set to provide a window of ten years for implementation. The first half being dedicated to awareness, education and incentives to participate and install management practices. The latter half continues practice installation, but also begins to monitor the impaired water. Finally KDHE expressed its sincere appreciation for the support provided by the Administration and the Legislature as they take up the challenge for implementing this complex program (Attachment 1). Responding to another question Mr. Stiles said the EPA recognizes public hearings and participation so they are using this approach to get their message out.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. and the next committee meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2000.