

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Ostmeier at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present, except:
Senator Steve Morris, excused

Committee staff present:
Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephanie Gray, Committee Assistant

Conferees:
Gary Hanson, Attorney, Kansas Rural Water Association
Robin Jennison, Secretary, Ks. Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
A. Spencer Tomb, Manhattan

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Ostmeier opened the hearing on **HB 2472 – rural water districts; definitions.** Tamera Lawrence, assistant revisor, gave background on this bill.

Gary Hanson, Kansas Rural Water Association, spoke as a proponent of the bill. It allows non-landowners to fully participate in the water district activities. He answered questions from the Committee. (Attachment #1)

*Senator Bruce made the motion to pass out **HB 2472** favorably, Senator Teichman seconded. Motion carried.*

Chairman Ostmeier re-opened a continued hearing on **SB271- pore space ownership.** Tamera Lawrence, assistant revisor, explained that the committee had adopted the first balloon amendment at the last meeting.

Ron Gaches, Gaches & Braden, gave supportive testimony as a representative of Southern Star, Atlas Energy, and Colorado State Gasoline.

Discussion with the Committee followed.

Senator Ostmeier closed the discussion on this bill until a later time.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes for the Senate Natural Resources Committee at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

Senator Ostmeyer re-opened the continued hearing on **SB 314 – hunting & fishing license exemptions for 65+**.

Robin Jennison, Secretary for KDWPT, gave supportive testimony for this bill. He gave an explanation for a proposed senior license fee or a senior pass. KDWPT wants to receive federal funds from fee assessments. Questions from the Committee followed.

A. Spencer Tomb, Manhattan, gave supportive testimony for **SB 314**. (Attachment #2)

The hearing was closed on **SB314 – hunting & fishing license exemptions for 65+**.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.