

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Ostmeyer at 8:35 a.m. on March 11, 2011, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Younker, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dana Wethington, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mike Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Others attending:

See attached list.

Tom Day of the Kansas Commerce Commission, introduced Mike Smith, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC). Mr. Smith gave a presentation regarding the Commission, of which Kansas is a founding member. Mr. Smith stated that hydraulic fracturing technique has been used in the oil and gas industry more than one million times since 1947 without one recorded case of groundwater contamination. (Attachment 1) The technique is used to allow natural gas and oil to move more freely from the rock pores. He talked about the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and resolutions passed by states to keep regulatory function within states' responsibilities. He stood for questions.

SB 191 – Amending the water rights conservation program

Chairman Ostmeyer continued the hearing on **SB 191**.

Revisor Tamera Lawrence explained an amendment that would clarify the language to read that a water right may be enrolled in a period not to exceed 10 years.

Senator Francisco made a motion, seconded by Senator Teichman to approve the amendment to SB 191; motion carried.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Ostmeyer closed the hearing and called for final action on **SB 191**.

Senator Taddiken made a motion, seconded by Senator Abrams that SB191 as amended be passed out favorably; motion carried.

Chairman Ostmeyer announced next week's meetings are on call of the chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.