

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Natural Resources** recommends **SB 271** be amended on page 1, in line 4, after "(a)" by inserting "As used in this section, "pore space" means openings between or within geologic material under surface lands, which may be referred to as voids or interstices.

(b)";

Also on page 1, in line 12, by striking "mineral"; by striking all in lines 16 through 20; in line 21, by striking "Nothing in this section shall be construed to change or alter the"; by striking all in lines 22 and 23; in line 24, by striking "determining" and inserting "To determine"; in line 27, after the second "surface", by inserting "and regardless of whether a severed pore space interest is created prior to a severed mineral estate, except the use and acquisition of pore space owned, used or contracted for underground storage. For purposes of this subsection, a severed mineral estate includes the granting of an oil and gas lease or any other right to explore for, develop or produce oil and gas or any other mineral"; in line 28, by striking "All instruments which transfer the rights to pore space under this"; in line 29, by striking "section shall describe the scope of any right to use the surface estate."; in line 31, after "instrument" by inserting "conveying the pore space"; by striking all in lines 32 through 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 7; following line 10, by inserting:

"(g) The state corporation commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, defining "usage of pore space."";

And by redesignating subsections accordingly; and the bill be passed as amended.

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Chairperson