

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on March 1, 2001 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: all present

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Krase, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Charles Perry, Research Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey
Edward R. Moses, Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association
Terry Leatherman, Kansas Chamber of Commerce Industry
Jere White, Kansans for Common Sense Water Policy
Allie Devine, Kansans for Common Sense Water Policy
Dave Murphy, Friends of the Kaw
Dwight Metzler, private citizen, Topeka Kansas

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Tyson stated that this committee meeting would be a continuation of the February 8 hearing on **SB 204**. Staff of the Revisor of Statutes office reviewed the subcommittee report from February 28 on the **proposed substitute for SB 204** (Attachment 1). Jill Wolters pointed out that there is a minor amendment needed in Section 4 under (b)(4), inserting the word "designated" before the words "use attainability analyses" for clarification.

The first conferee was Dr. Charles Perry, Research Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey, who briefed the committee on Kansas streams. Dr. Perry said he was here to give facts and examples, not to recommend any values or maps but to present what is available for use. He then defined what a stream is according to Webster's Dictionary, which says it is a flow of water along the depression of the earth. He said the U.S. Geological Survey prides itself on knowing the flow of water in streams. He handed out a map showing two different types of streams and a chart showing Kansas streamflow data (Attachment 2) and said that whatever method is used to classify streams it needs to be scientific, defensible and equitable across the state.

The second conferee was Edward R. Moses, a proponent of the bill, representing the Kansas Aggregate Producers Association (Attachment 3).

The third conferee was Terry Leatherman, a proponent of the bill, representing the Kansas Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 4).

The fourth conferee was Jere White, a proponent of the bill, representing Kansans for Common Sense Water Policy (Attachment 5).

The fifth conferee was Allie Devine, a proponent of the bill, also representing Kansans for Common Sense Water Policy. Questions and discussion followed.

The sixth conferee opponent of **SB 204** was Dave Murphy, Friends of the KAW, who said he still has a lot of reservations and the new substitute bill presents a whole new set of issues that need to be worked out.

The seventh conferee and opponent of the bill was Dwight Metzler (Attachment 6).

Written testimony was submitted by DeEtte Huffman, Arkansas River Coalition, Inc. ([Attachment 7](#)). He was an opponent of **SB 204**.

Senator Tyson said the hearing would continue at the next committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2 at 8:30 a.m.