

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 3:30 p.m. on February 2, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:
Rep. Bill Light - excused.

Committee staff present:
Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Pat Matzek, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management, Department of Health and Environment
Shawn Herrick, Executive Director, Mid-America Tire Dealers Association

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Powell opened the meeting introducing Committee Staff Member Corey Carnahan, Legislative Research Department, who stated that **HB 2080** relates to grants made under the Department of Health and Environment Waste Tire Management Program. Mr. Carnahan further explained the requested changes by the Department of Health and Environment to this bill.

No questions were asked.

At the conclusion of the bill explanation, Chairman Powell introduced Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management, Department of Health and Environment.

Hearing on:

HB 2080 - Solid waste tire management.

Proponents:

Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management, Department of Health and Environment, (Attachment 1) presented testimony in favor of **HB 2080** specifically identifying two items to promote the recycling of waste tires in Kansas; (1) it will eliminate the current sunset provision in state law for a waste tire recycling grant program that supplies up to 50 percent of the costs to purchase products made from recycled tires, and (2), it will clarify that both public and private schools are eligible to receive these grants.

Questions were asked and comments were made by members of the Committee.

Shawn Herrick, Executive Director, Mid-America Tire Dealers Association, (Attachment 2) presented testimony in support of **HB 2080** as it is proposed and further stated that a program such as this helps to keep a usable resource out of landfills, promotes industry waste stewardship and provides a safer play area for school children.

No questions were asked or comments made.

At the conclusion of the testimony presentation, Chairman Powell asked the Committee to review meeting minutes dated 1-20, 1-21, and 1-22. Chairman Powell also spoke on procedures for the Committee to follow when working bills.

Representative Svaty made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes. Representative Hayzlett seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were adopted.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Agriculture And Natural Resources Committee at 3:30 p.m. on February 2, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.