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MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on January 12, 2001 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Corbin - excused
Senator Christine Downey - excused

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. Ron Hammerschmidt, Director, Division of Environment, KDHE
Tom Stiles, Director, Policy and Planning, KDHE
Jan Sides, Director, Bureau of Air and Radiation, KDHE

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Tyson. He stated that the meeting would continue on the subject of water and clean air.

The first conferee to appear before the committee was Dr. Ron Hammerschmidt. He stated that Tom Stiles, Director of Policy and Planning, would start the morning by giving a presentation on total maximum daily loads.

Tom Stiles, proceeded to brief the committee (Attachment 1). Discussion and questions followed his presentation

Dr. Hammerschmidt stated for the record that he didn't want anyone to misconstrue comments made in regard to KDHE's authority to regulate non point source pollution. Dr. Hammerschmidt said he has worked with 3 Secretaries as director and none of them would attempt to do a regulation of non point without coming to get explicit authority from the legislature and the statutes. Also, he stated that Tom Stiles' efforts of physically developing the TMDLs have received some national recognition and this is one place where they are pleased to be in the forefront.

Jan Sides, Bureau of Air and Radiation, briefed the committee on air quality and fuel issues in Kansas City. A booklet was handed out titled *1999 Air Quality Report* (on file in the office of Legislative Research). Mr. Sides explained the background, where we are now, and the future of the ozone situation in Kansas City. Discussion and questions followed his presentation.

Ron Hammerschmidt noted that another area of concern is Wichita for air quality and they are working to try to get in front of that issue. EPA is not involved there.

Chairman Tyson reminded members and others that the Ag Tour is next Thursday.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is a joint meeting with the Senate Agriculture Committee scheduled for January 17 at 8:30 a.m.

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