

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Joann Freeborn at 3:30 p.m. on March 11, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Ted Powers - excused
Representative Vaughn Flora - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Ann Graham, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management, KS Department of Health and Environment, 1000 SW Jackson, Ste 320, Topeka, KS 66612-1366
Shawn Herrick, Mid America Tire Dealers Association, 7321 NW Rochester Road, Topeka, KS 66617
Judy Moler, General Counsel/Legislative Services Director, KS Association of Counties, 6206 SW 9th Terrace, Topeka, KS 66615
Charles Sedlock, Division Manager, Hamm, Inc., 609 Perry Place, PO Box 17, Perry, KS 66073-0017

Others attending: See attached sheet

Chairperson Joann Freeborn called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. She entertained a motion to approve committee minutes for meetings January 30, February 4, and February 6.

Rep. Lee Tafanelli made a motion the minutes for January 30, February 4, and February 6 be approved. Rep. Gary Hayzlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairperson recognized Rep. John Faber. He requested a Resolution.

A House Concurrent Resolution urging the Risk Management Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture to assure that crop insurance policies do not require irrigation after crop failure has occurred.

Rep. John Faber made a motion the Resolution be introduced. Rep. Joshua Svaty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairperson announced that **SB155** will be heard today with possible committee action, if action is not taken today on the bill it will be scheduled for Thursday, March 13. She opened the hearing on **SB155**.

SB155: Concerning waste tire accumulations.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairperson Freeborn welcomed Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management, KDHE. He testified in support of the bill and believes it will update several sections of the tire law by deleting obsolete provisions, clarifying certain current provisions, and establishing a few new provisions to make the state waste tire regulatory program more flexible and effective. Hopefully, with these changes, the waste tire law will meet the needs of Kansas for many years into the future. (See attachment 1)

Shawn Herrick, Mid America Tire Dealers Association, was welcomed. She testified in support of the bill. Over the last several months the Association (MATDA) has been communicating with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Association of Counties on the issues presented in this bill. The members feel that the bill, as presented, sets forth a solid program for waste tire management. They feel past experience illustrates that the work done by KDHE and the tire dealers of Kansas has resulted in a relatively clean state and a foundation for maintaining good stewardship of the environment. (See attachment 2)

Judy Moler, Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), was welcomed to the committee. She testified in support of the bill. KAC has worked with KDHE and the Mid America Tire Dealers Association in the development of this bill. KAC's biggest concern is that the responsibility for the disposal of waste tires remain at the state level. The money is collected and remitted to the state for this purpose. Counties have no such dedicated funding for the disposal of these tires. (See attachment 3)

Charlie Sedlock, Manager, Solid Waste Division, Hamm, Inc., was welcomed to the committee and testified in support of the bill. Over the past several years, each and every one of their Kansas clients have requested safe cost effective tire disposal or beneficial reuse at their landfill. There are several good reasons why their clients are demanding effective tire disposal. Besides their general unsightliness and fire issues, waste tires are excellent mosquito habitats due to their ability to retain water. Now that the West Nile virus has been confirmed in Kansas, the KDHE and local governments are anxious to reduce habitats favorable to mosquitos. In their opinion passage of this bill will assist in this fight. (See attachment 4)

Committee questions and discussion followed.

The Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB155**. She announced that the bill will not be worked today but will be scheduled to be worked on Thursday, March 13.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13.