

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 P.M. on March 2, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Josh Svaty- excused
Representative Vaughn Flora- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes Office
Pam Shaffer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Gross, Bureau of Air and Radiation, Department of Health and Environment
Whitney Damron, Attorney on behalf of Empire District Electric Company
Steve Miller, Senior Manager-External Affairs, Sunflower Electric
Bill Bider, Director-Bureau of Waste Management, Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Freeborn asked for everyone to please sign the conferee list. She announced the agenda for next Tuesday, March 7 meeting: Possible action on **SB362 - Solid waste, industrial facilities, permits**, and a hearing on **SB453 - Environmental laws; compliance audit privilege; immunity; lesser penalties for violations**.

Chairperson opened the hearing on **SB386 - Air contaminant emission sources, regional haze**. Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department gave an overview of the bill. Each committee member was given a copy of the fiscal note for the bill (See attachment 1).

Tom Gross, Bureau of Air and Radiation, Department of Health and Environment, proponent, testified (See attachment 2).

Whitney Damron, Attorney on behalf of Empire District Electric Company and other electric utilities, proponent, testified (See attachment 3).

Questions and discussion followed the testimony.

Chairperson Freeborn closed the hearing on **SB386**.

Chairperson Freeborn opened the hearing on **SB362**. Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department gave an overview of the bill. Each committee member was given a copy of the fiscal note for the bill. (See attachment 4).

Steve Miller, Senior Manager-External Affairs, Sunflower Electric, proponent, testified (See attachment 5).

Bill Bider, Director-Bureau of Waste Management, Department of Health and Environment, proponent, testified. As part of his testimony, Mr. Bider offered a balloon, which is part of his testimony attachment. (See attachment 6).

Questions and discussion followed the testimony.

Chairperson Freeborn adjourned the meeting at 4:45. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 7.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Environment Committee at 3:30 P.M. on March 2, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.