

AGENDA

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development Meeting Jointly

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

01:00 PM

Brinkley Convention Center - 1501 Weatherby Drive
Brinkley, Arkansas

Sen. Gene Jeffress, Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers, Vice Chair
Sen. Jimmy Jeffress
Sen. Jim Luker
Sen. Mary Anne Salmon
Sen. Randy Laverty
Sen. David Wyatt
Sen. Mike Fletcher

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Rep. John Charles Edwards
Rep. Stephen Meeks
Rep. Greg Leding
Rep. Lane Jean

Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Charlie Collins
Rep. Homer Lenderman
Rep. Kelley Linck
Rep. Matthew Shepherd
Rep. James Ratliff
Rep. Lori Benedict, Non-Voting
Rep. Tommy Wren, Non-Voting
Rep. Bruce Westerman, Non-Voting
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Non-Voting
Rep. David L. Branscum, Non-Voting
Rep. Sheilla E. Lampkin, Non-Voting
Rep. Betty Overbey, Non-Voting
Rep. Josh Johnston, Non-Voting
Rep. Gary Stubblefield, Non-Voting

A. Call to Order

B. **Flooding: Impact on Arkansas**

- 1) Randy Young, Executive Director, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission: *Levees*
- 2) Lieutenant Colonel Craig Hamilton, Deputy Commander, United States Army Corps of Engineers: *Mississippi River & Its Tributaries*
- 3) Dr. Mark Cochran, Vice President for Agriculture - Division of Agriculture, University of Arkansas: *Economic Impact of the 2011 Flood*
- 4) Jeffery Hall, Associate Director - Governmental Affairs, Arkansas Farm Bureau: *Federal Disaster Assistance and Related Federal Programs*

Invited Participants for Questions/Answers

- 5) Randy Ort, Public Information Coordinator; and Tony Evans, Emergency Coordinator, Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department
- 6) Mike Sullivan, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 7) David Goad, Chief, Wildlife Management, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- 8) Wes Fowler, Director of Governmental Relations, Arkansas Association of Counties

Notice: Silence your cell phones. Keep your personal conversations to a minimum. Observe restrictions designating areas as "Members and Staff Only"

****Adoption Only - There will be no Discussion of the Interim Study Proposals at this Meeting
Testimony will be heard at a later date.****

C. Consideration to Adopt for Interim Study:

1. ISP 2011-029 “An Act to Protect Arkansas' Water in Areas Affected by Gas Drilling Operations” (Rep. Lenderman)
2. ISP 2011-031 “An Act to Define Certified Herds and Horse Breeders for an Exemption from the Standard Immunization Requirement for Equine Infectious Anemia” (Rep. Benedict)
3. ISP 2011-040 “An Act to Create a Program for Annual Inspection of Gas Wells” (Rep. Leding)
4. ISP 2011-041 “An Act to Protect Arkansans by Requiring Bonds for Gas Drilling Operations (Rep. Webb)
5. ISP 2011-042 “An Act to Protect Air Quality in the Vicinity of Natural Gas Drilling Fields (Rep. Leding)
6. ISP 2011-043 “An Act to Require Full Disclosure Regarding Natural Gas Drilling Chemicals (Rep. Webb)
7. ISP 2011-057 “To Allow the Surface Owner of Property to Purchase the Tax-Delinquent Severed Mineral Rights to their Property and to Regulate Mineral Interests (Sen. Harrelson)
8. ISP 2011-058 “To Regulate Noise Levels for Continuously Operated Non-Wellhead Compressor Facilities (Sen. Rapert)
9. ISP 2011-061 “To Merge the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board with the Arkansas Agriculture Department” (Sen. Flowers)
10. ISP 2011-062 ”To Merge the Rice Research and Promotion Board into the Arkansas Agriculture Department” (Sen. Flowers)
11. ISP 2011-063 “To Merge the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board with the Arkansas Agriculture Department” (Sen. Flowers)
12. ISP 2011-064 “To Merge the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board with the Arkansas Agriculture Department” (Sen. Flowers)
13. ISP 2011-065 “An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board; and for Other Purposes (Sen. Flowers)
14. ISP 2011-166 “To Create a Study to Explore How to Use the Economic Development Commission, Rural Services, Public Agencies, and Public and Private Organizations in Addressing Quality of Life Issues and Economic Development in Underserved Areas” (Sen. Elliot)

D. Other Business

E. Adjournment