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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Brunk at 9:15 A.M. on March 19, 2008 in Room 784 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Brenda Landwehr- excused  
Broderick Henderson- excused  
Candy Ruff- excused  
Charles Roth- excused  
Kasha Kelley- excused  
Mike Kiegerl- excused  
Ronnie Metsker- excused  
Terrie Huntington- excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Renaë Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator James Barnett  
Kimberly Stevens, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Gary Hodgden, Midwest Radon  
Roger Dahlby, Advanced Environmental Services Inc.

Others attending: See attached list.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **Sub for SB 577-Radon certification and radon awareness laws.**

Renaë Jefferies gave an overview of **Sub for SB 577 (Attachment 1).**

Senator Barnett presented his testimony in support of **Sub for SB 577 (Attachment 2).**

Representative Gordon asked Senator Barnett how they knew that lung cancer deaths were caused by radon instead of second hand smoke. Senator Barnett said that those statistics had not been taken but that Kansas does have a high level of radon throughout the state.

Kimberly Steves gave her testimony in favor of **Sub for SB 577 (Attachment 3).**

Kimberly also offered an amendment (**Attachment 4**) that would prevent the department from setting standards that are more stringent than the federal or ASTM standards and also set the maximum fees that the secretary may impose and collect.

Gary Hodgden voiced his support for **Sub for SB 577 (Attachment 5).**

Roger Dahlby presented testimony in support of **Sub for SB 577 (Attachment 6).**

Representative Gordon said that it would be interesting to know how many deaths are from lung cancer and how long we have been aware of the danger from radon.

Representative Goico asked how much a radon test costs. Kimberly replied that a do it yourself kit cost \$5 at the county extension offices, up to \$20 at a hardware store and requires lab results which take about two weeks. A contractor might charge \$75 to \$100 but give results in about 48 hours..

The Chairman closed the hearing and announced that the hearing would continue tomorrow. The committee was adjourned at 9:50 AM.