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The House Energy Committee heard the fracture fluid bill (HB 136). Representative Gonzales introduced an amendment that would require companies to disclose the constituents and amount of each used 30 days prior to doing the stimulation operation.

IPANM spoke strongly against the bill and the amendment. NMOGA, EMNRD, several company representatives, the mayor of Hobbs and the Lea County Republican Women attended in force and spoke against the bill.

The usual suspects spoke for the amendment.

The committee voted 7-5 to pass the amendment. All the Republicans voted against the amendment. New representatives McCamley and Easley showed their true liberal stripes.

The bill passed the committee on a party line vote of 7-5. The bill will be heard next in the House Agriculture Committee.