

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Powell at 8:45am on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Michael O'Donnell – Excused

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department  
Toni Beck, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Possible action on bills previously heard**

Chairman Powell turned the Committee's attention to **SB384-Amending provisions of the non-game and endangered species conservation act.**

Aaron Popelka, Kansas Livestock Association, explained the bill as clarifying administration functions and permit rules. Steve Adams, Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, clarified what certification includes for registration in the conservation program.

*Senator Smith moved the balloon amendment, striking critical habitat, endangered and threatened species, and exclusion of certification or registration. Senator Francisco seconded the motion. Motion adopted.*

*(Attachment 1)*

*Senator Francisco moved, Senator Hawk seconded, "added registration," to the amendment. The motion failed.*

*Senator Arpke moved for the contents of SB384 be inserted as amended into HB2547-Naming the bison herd at mined land wildlife area. Senator Kerschen seconded the motion. Motion adopted.*

*Senator Francisco moved the inserted amendment for SB384, Senator McGinn seconded. Motion adopted.*

*Senator Ostmeyer moved, Senator Kerschen seconded to recommend HB2547 as amended favorably.*

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Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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*for passage. Motion adopted.*

Chairman Powell turned the Committee's attention to **HB2479-Act concerning agriculture, relating to noxious weeds.**

*Senator Francisco moved the amended bill with the additional language of "right-of-way." Senator Hawk seconded the motion to be recommended for favorable passage. Motion adopted. ([Attachment 2](#))*

Chairman Powell turned the Committee's attention to **HB2059-Creating an application requirement and fee to appropriate water that otherwise leaves the state and creating a chemigation permit exception.**

*Senator Kerschen moved to adopt the balloon amendment. Senator Tyson seconded the motion. Motion adopted.*

*Senator Ostmeyer moved, Senator Kerschen seconded to recommend amended **HB2059** for favorable passage. Motion adopted.*

*Senator Pyle moved a motion to reconsider **HB2059**. The motion failed for lack of a second. ([Attachment 3](#))*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 17.