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Date

MINUTES OF THE House SUB COMMITTEE ON Natural Resources

The meeting was called to order by Representative Ron Fox at
Vice-Chairperson

3:30 ~~xx~~ p.m. on March 1, 1983 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kent Ott (excused)

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office
La Nelle Frey, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Hanzlick, Director, Fish and Game Commission.

HB 2459 - An act concerning fur-bearing animals; relating to the illegal trapping or taking of such animals; prescribing penalties for violations therefor.

Mr. Hanzlick said that HB 2459 would set a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 on persons who violate laws relating to fur-bearing animals. He noted that the average fine currently is \$35, and the increase is needed to deter violators.

HB 2464 - An act concerning fish and game; relating to hunting licenses.

Regarding HB 2464, Mr. Hanzlick said that this bill relates to hunter safety. He noted that all persons born on or after July 1, 1957 must have a certificate of competency and safety in the handling of firearms before they can purchase a hunting license or hunt on land other than their own. Currently, these certificates have to be exhibited before a hunting license is issued. Since the Commission has been having to duplicate about 5,000 of these certificates per year for persons who have lost or misplaced the certificates, and since the Commission maintains a record of all certificates that have been issued, the bill will provide that the certificates do not have to be exhibited when purchasing a license. Persons who are not required to buy a hunting license must still have the certificate in their possession when hunting.

HB 2493 - An act concerning fish and game; relating to hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.

Mr. Hanzlick said that HB 2493 would allow out-of-state furharvesters to sell fur-bearing animals or their hides, pelts or furs to licensed Kansas furbuyers if they have an appropriate license for taking and selling these animals in the issuing state. He noted that when out-of-state furharvesters had to buy a Kansas furharvesters license before they could sell their furharvest in Kansas, it discouraged sales to the state's 147 furbuyers.

A brief question and answer period followed the presentations of testimony on HB 2459, HB 2464, and HB 2493.

Vice-chairman Ron Fox advised Subcommittee members that the meeting was now open for discussion and action on any bills heard to date by the Subcommittee. He noted that any action taken on the bills would determine the Subcommittee's recommendaton to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee as a whole.

Representative Thomas Walker said he would like to propose a minor amendment to each of the three bills just heard. In that regard, Representative Walker made a motion to amend HB 2459, HB 2464, and HB 2493 by striking the words "statute book" on the last line of each of the bills, and inserting the words "Kansas register". Representative Keith Roe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House SUB COMMITTEE ON Natural Resources,
room 531-N, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~a.m.~~/p.m. on March 1, 1983

Representative Ginger Barr made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2459, HB 2464, and HB 2493 be passed as amended. Representative Kathryn Sughrue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Representative Harold Guldner made a motion to recommend amending HB 2373 as proposed by the bill sponsor and that Theresa Kiernan, Committee staff member from the Revisor of Statutes' office, develop the amendment as proposed. Representative Walker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Representative Sughrue made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2373 be passed as amended. Representative Judy Runnels seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Subcommittee discussed HB 2371. Discussion ensued as to what affect, if any, would result from requiring snare-users to obtain written permission from landowners before setting their snares. Several Subcommittee members questioned whether this provision would deter violators, and questioned who it was they were trying to help by enacting this bill. Questions were raised regarding liability if damage is caused by snares.

Representative Runnels made a motion to recommend amending HB 2371 as proposed by the Fish and Game Commission. Representative Walker seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Representative Walker made a motion to recommend amending HB 2371 by striking the word "landowner's" on line 30. Representative Barr seconded the motion.

Representative Guldner suggested that the bill be left as it was originally drafted.

Representative Walker and Representative Barr withdrew their motion and second, respectively, regarding the proposed amendment on HB 2371.

Representative Walker made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2371 be passed. Representative Runnels seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Subcommittee discussed HB 2453. Several members noted that they had received many calls from persons opposed to this bill. Several members also noted that testimony presented on the bill indicated that falconry does not have an adverse impact on raptor or prey populations and through falconers' efforts, there are rehabilitation and restoration programs for threatened and endangered species.

Representative Runnels made a motion that the Subcommittee recommend HB 2453 be not passed. Representative Barr seconded the motion.

Representative Roe made a substitute motion that the Subcommittee recommend amending HB 2453 as proposed by the Fish and Game Commission. Representative Anita Niles seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vice-chairman Fox asked for a vote on the original motion to recommend that HB 2453 be not passed. The motion passed. Representatives Roe and Niles voted no.

Representative Roe made a substitute motion that the Subcommittee provide no recommendation either favorable or unfavorable regarding HB 2453, rather, let it go to the full committee for consideration. Representative Niles seconded the motion. The motion failed.

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be held March 2, 1983.