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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

The meeting was called to order by Representative David J. Heinemann at  
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on March 20,, 1984 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers, Legislative Research  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Pam Somerville, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association  
John Blythe, Kansas Farm Bureau  
Representative Robin Leach, Kansas House of Representatives  
Rick VonEnde, University of Kansas

Hearing on: SCR 1644 - A concurrent resolution memorializing the President of the United States and the United States Congress to amend the procedures by which the United States Army Corps of Engineers licenses land to the Kansas Fish and Game Commission.

Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association, gave a brief history of SCR 1644 and said that it originated from an interim study conducted to investigate land around Federal Reservoirs and other Recreational areas.

Mr. Beam noted the language of SCR 1644 states that the United States Army Corps of Engineers has licensed (leased) over 106,000 acres of land to the Kansas Fish and Game Commission. KLA supports this bill because when the Fish and Game Commission licenses Corps land it results in a negative financial impact on local units of government and adjacent landowners. (See Attachment 1).

Mr. John Blythe, Kansas Farm Bureau, appeared briefly and acknowledged support of the measure.

Representative Robin Leach, appeared on behalf of Sen. Gordon and expressed concern about the language on page 2, lines 51-59. He said Senator Gordon expressed a desire to have that language tightened.

Representative Anita Niles distributed two letters in response to her inquiry for information on SCR 1644 and asked that the committee review it at their leisure. (Attachments 2 and 3).

Hearing concluded on SCR 1644.

CONTINUATION SHEET

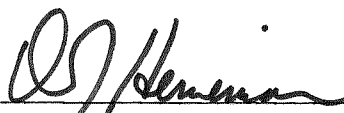
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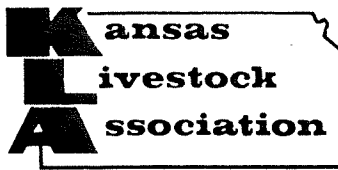
The Chairman then called for final action on HB 2557 - An act relating to natural gas pipelines; declaring portions thereof to be common carriers; providing for powers and duties of the state corporation commission.

Rick Von Ende, University of Kansas, appeared briefly to explain the bill to committee members and the importance to KU for passing such legislation. Mr. Von Ende said that fuel costs savings would be approximately \$500,000 annually.

Representative Fox moved to recommend HB 2557 favorable for passage.  
Representative Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee will be held March 21, 1984 in Room 519-S at 3:30 p.m.

  
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David J. Heinemann, Chairman



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Statement of the  
KANSAS LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION  
to the  
HOUSE ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
Rep. David Heinemann, Chairman  
in support of  
SCR1644  
presented by  
Mike Beam  
Executive Secretary  
Cow-Calf/Stocker Division

March 20, 1984

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Mike Beam representing the 9,000 members of the Kansas Livestock Association. As most of you know, KLA members are farmers and ranchers who are involved in all segments of agricultural production. The Kansas Livestock Association supports SCR 1644.

This legislation was proposed by the Special Interim Committee on Energy & Natural Resources following a study of Proposal #24 - "Land Around Federal Reservoirs and Other Recreational Areas".

Please note that the language of this concurrent resolution states that the United States Army Corps of Engineers has licensed (leased) over 106,000 acres of land to the Kansas Fish & Game Commission. The Kansas Livestock Association supports this bill because when the Fish & Game Commission licenses Corps land it results in a negative financial impact on local units of government and adjacent landowners.

Many Kansas farmers/ranchers, marinas or other entities lease Army Corps of Engineers land in Kansas. The Corps remits approximately 75% of this lease revenue to counties where the land is located. The current Army Corps of Engineers policy states that revenues derived from land licensed to and under the management of the Fish & Game Commission must be spent on the licensed area and prohibits any payment to compensate the local taxing units for lost property tax revenues.

Because of this policy Corps land which is licensed to the Fish & Game Commission has a significant negative financial impact to local units of government.

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Local farmers, tenants and rural people in general are also negatively impacted by Fish & Game managed land designed for public hunting and wildlife habitat. During the committee hearings this summer KLA members indicated they had had numerous problems with wildlife damage to crops and livestock facilities. Our members near public hunting areas continually experience difficulties controlling trespassing by hunters on private land.

This summer a Jefferson county commissioner told the interim committee that because of the Fish & Game managed public hunting land the cost of road maintenance, law enforcement and medical services increased.

The Kansas Livestock Association fully agrees with the interim committee's recommendation to introduce SCR1644 to memorialize Congress to change the procedures by which the Corps licenses land to the Kansas Fish & Game Commission. Because of the negative impact the Fish & Game licensed land has to local units of government, agricultural producers and rural citizens, it's important that the United States Army Corps of Engineers change its current policy. We urge this committee's support of SCR 1644.

Thank you.

THE STATE OF KANSAS



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TOPEKA, KANSAS 66601

February 21, 1984

Honorable Anita Niles  
State Representative  
Capitol Building, Room 278-W

Dear Representative Niles:

We are happy to respond to your request for Melvern Reservoir information on three items, they are as follows:

1. The use of CETA help during the summer season of 1983 was utilized throughout most of the state park system. This was provided by federal funds appropriated by Congress as a Small Business Administration's "Jobs Bill" program. If it is Congressional policy to fund a Jobs Bill program in '84 or future years, we will of course be most willing to administer the program in state parks in Kansas. More over, in '83 we utilized unemployed persons at locations where we had existing Honor Camps, primarily Elk City, Fall River-Toronto, and El Dorado. We of course would use unemployed persons in the CETA Program if an Honor Camp is developed at Melvern. Rest assured the CETA Program employees would not be mixed with inmates details. That is to say we have supervision for the CETA Program for CETA projects. We have supervision for inmates where we have inmate projects. We would underscore the fact that we have no knowledge of Congress' intent to appropriate this year or future years for a Jobs Bill program.
2. I contacted John Elmore, Chief of Operations for the Kansas City District, Corps of Army Engineers, and discussed the situation of federal employees at Melvern Reservoir. He indicated the project employs 9 full time positions. The Park Authority's request for the outlet area below the dam at Melvern would not in any way affect those 9 existing full time positions. He did indicate that the temporary and seasonal help would be adjusted downward based on the visitation of the total reservoir administered by the Corps of Engineers and the adjustment can be understood. They have a rule of thumb of 48 man months of temporary and seasonal employees for every 100,000 annual visitation. Their

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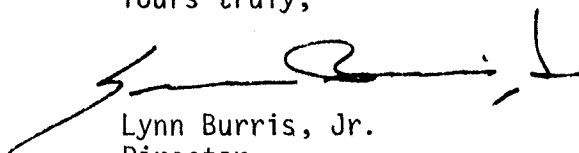
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State Representative  
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visitation estimate for the outlet area is 100,000 visitors per season, so this would eliminate 48 man months of seasonal and temporary employees. Again I would reiterate that it does not affect the existing 9 full time positions at the project.

I will have the information on the third item on Friday and will be responding to you on that matter at that time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Burris, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynn Burris, Jr.  
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

March 2, 1984

Natural Resources  
Management Branch  
Operations Division

Honorable Anita Niles  
Kansas House of Representatives  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Ms. Niles:

Reference is made to your 27 February 1984 telephone conversation with Mr. John Elmore, the Chief of my Operations Division. During the referenced conversation, you requested the effects on Corps' manpower at Melvern Lake if the Kansas State Park and Resources Authority assumed Operation and Maintenance responsibilities for the Outlet Public Use Area.

A review of our FY 83 Operations and Maintenance costs incurred by the Melvern project for the Outlet park shows direct expenditures of approximately \$115,000 and indirect expenditures of approximately \$10,000. The direct expenditures include \$56,000 for salaries, \$38,000 for contracts (gate attendant, mowing, trash pickup, facility cleanup, law enforcement, etc.) and \$21,000 for materials and supplies. The indirect amount is a prorated share of the Melvern project office administrative/overhead costs. Regarding manpower, we utilized approximately 2.7 man-years of seasonal and temporary employee effort in FY 83. As the titles imply, seasonal and temporary employees are utilized for only a portion of the year, primarily during the recreation season. Permanent project staffing would not be affected by the transfer of the Outlet park to another entity.

I hope the above information is sufficient for your needs. If I may be of further assistance to you on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



for Gurnie C. Gunter  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

Attachment 3  
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