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Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR MERRILL WERTS at
Chairperson

8:00 a.m./p.m. on MARCH 5, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Leroy Hayden - Excused
Senator Dan Thiessen - Excused

Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers - Research Department
Don Hayward - Revisor's Office
Nancy Jones - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Clinton Acheson
Butch Harris, Chairman, Shawnee County Hunter Safety Association
Ray Frey, Kansas Hunter Safety Association
Kent Jackson, Kansas Fish & Game Commission

HB 2146 - Relating to hunting licenses

Senator Vidricksen moved that minutes of the February 26 meeting be approved. Senator Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Butch Harris explained the work of the Hunter Safety Instructors, numbering 3000 within the state. The time given for instruction by this group is all volunteer with the state providing the safety certificates, awards and films for their use. Positive results can be seen from their efforts.

Ray Frey testified in support of HB 2146. He stated the percentage of accidents during the first two weekends of hunting in November has dropped dramatically due to safety measures already initiated and through the work of the Hunter Safety Association. This year emphasis will be on hunter responsibility in the field rather than hunter ethics. Mr. Frey further stated there is reciprocity among states with regard to safety certificates and anyone between the ages of 18 and 27 moving into the state, must take the hunter safety test if they have no reciprocal certificate.

Senator Kerr suggested that there is a need for better communication between this group and the Fish & Game Commission to deal with various concerns brought before the legislature each year. Mr. Harris feels this problem has been solved with assurance from the Fish & Game Commission there will be constant contact in the future.

Kent Jackson gave testimony supporting HB 2146, which requires possession, in the field, of the hunter safety certificate. This provides for stronger enforcement as citations can be written when violations occur.

HB 2094 - Relating to hunting licenses

Mr. Jackson stated HB 2094 would provide authority for the Fish & Game Commission to appoint license agents. Licenses are currently being sold only by County Clerks, agents the County Clerks appoint and directly through the Fish & Game office. The County Clerks will retain their authority. Control would be maintained by the Commission as vendors must be bonded or pay cash for their license inventory.

A motion to recommend HB 2094 favorably was made by Senator Martin and seconded by Senator Kerr. The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to recommend HB 2146 favorably was made by Senator Yost and seconded by Senator Vidricksen. The motion carried by show of hands. (5-3).

The meeting was adjourned.

3-5-85

Guest List

Chris Jackson	Prep
Kent Jackson	Ks Fish & Game
Wayl Adams	Hunter Safety
Ray Fye	Ks Hunter Safety