

Approved 4-2-85
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

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

8:00 a.m. ~~XXX~~ on MARCH 26, 1985 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Hanzlick, Director, Kansas Fish & Game Commission
Fred Allen, Kansas Association of Counties
Cathy Kruzik, Kansas Department of Economic Development

Senator Daniels moved that the minutes of the March 19, 1985 and March 20, 1985 meetings, as corrected, be approved. Senator Yost seconded the motion and the motion carried.

HB 2307 - Concerning fish and game licenses and fees

Bill Hanzlick testified this bill creates a twenty-four hour fishing license at a total cost of \$2.00. The Commission does not support the House amendment on lines 126 through 130 as this denies the County clerk income from fees collected. The Commission prefers the fee system remain as it is currently with equal distribution of fees between entities.

Kathy Kruzik stated that HB 2307 would provide an added attraction for travelers through the state to remain and enjoy the recreational facilities available. Passage of this bill would allow them to further enjoy the time spent here at a very nominal fee. (Attachment A).

Fred Allen gave testimony favoring passage of HB 2307 with the suggestion of deletion of lines 127 through 130 as County Clerks would be denied income from fees collected but must still do administrative work for all entities. In response to a question by Senator Martin, Mr. Hanzlick stated 497,436 licenses were sold in 1984. Fee income to the County Clerks was \$123,115; (Direct sales to license users by the County Clerks of \$11,192 is included); to the vendors \$111,923; handling fees totaled \$235,038. Senator Kerr suggested the bill be limited to inclusion of a twenty-four hour fishing license as originally introduced and not include the amendments. (Attachment B).

HB 2540 - Concerning the State Water Plan

At the request of Chairman Werts, Joe Harkins explained HB 2540 is part of the Water Plan recommendations with a major component of planning being the involvement of people at the local level through a series of public meetings. As interest was extremely high, the Water Office feels it is essential the local leaders participate in the basin planning. This bill would ensure the formation of Advisory Committees with local citizens as members and guarantee a high level of participation. These committees will work continuously with the Water Office.

No opponents testified on HB 2540.

Senator Kerr made the motion to amend HB 2307 by deleting all House amendments. Senator Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES,
room 123-S, Statehouse, at 8:00 a.m./~~1:00~~ on March 26, 1985

Senator Kerr moved HB 2307 be amended to provide a twenty four hour fishing license at a cost of \$2.00 for 1985-86. Senator Langworthy seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote.

Senator Kerr made the motion to favorably recommend HB 2307 as amended. Senator Thiessen seconded the motion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

HB 2335 - Relating to minimum desirable streamflow

Senator Kerr stated that following the hearing on HB 2335, he did visit with Dave Pope, Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources, about the issue of whether or not new water permits would be allowed in an alluvial corridor along the streams mentioned in HB 2335. He said Mr. Pope said that he would conduct further public hearings in the affected areas before moving ahead with a no new water permit policy, if HB 2335 passes. Senator Kerr said that with this in mind, he would vote for the bill.

Senator Martin made the motion to favorably recommend HB 2335 for passage. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Werts.

9-26-85

Guest List

Fred Allen

Bill Hanzlula

Tom Stiles

Mr Duffy

Rich McKee

Richard D. Kready

Ks. Assoc. of Counties

Ks. Fish & Game

Ks Water Office

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KPL Gas Service

SENATE
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Room 123-S

TESTIMONY

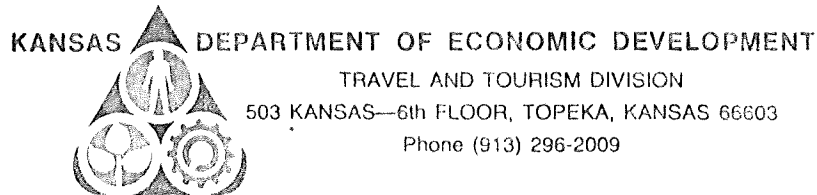
24 Hour Fishing License

Cathy L. Kruzic, Travel and Tourism Director
Kansas Department of Economic Development

March 27, 1985

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Attachment A



Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

As the Director of the Travel and Tourism Division of the Kansas Department of Economic Development, I view House Bill #2307 to be an excellent method of attracting more visitors to the state by allowing the purchase of a "24 hour fishing license."

A great number of weekend visitors from neighboring states come to Kansas to enjoy our fine outdoor recreation facilities. This bill would certainly enhance our ability to attract even more. In the past, our office has received many comments from visitors in the state and potential visitors to the state indicating that they would be more willing to purchase a fishing license of shorter duration and less cost than they would to purchase an annual permit.

In making this provision, we are of course encouraging increased visitation to the state, and also encouraging visitors to stay longer through the discovery of fishing opportunities. It often happens visitors may end up at one of our states' fine lakes and parks (with no particular intention of fishing) when faced with the necessity to purchase an extended permit when really only wanting to "wet a line" and relax. Many visitors are unlikely to invest in that purchase. Given the option to purchase a "24 hour fishing license" will certainly answer some of their needs and also provide some additional revenue to the state that otherwise might be lost. It is also important to mention that this will leave a better impression in the minds of visitors of our willingness to accommodate them with special licenses instead of presenting them with the temptation to fish illegally for just that short hour or so.

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The Kansas Travel and Tourism Division has encouraged the Kansas Fish and Game Commission to adopt such a fishing license for the past several years and we are extremely pleased about the cooperation between the two agencies. It appears that Kansans are surprised to learn that we attract many visitors from other states to enjoy our outdoor resources, but in fact this is a major drawing card for tourists, particularly during the summer months. The Travel and Tourism Division intends to continue to work cooperatively with the Kansas Fish and Game Commission in many activities, including the ability to make both fishing and hunting licenses more easily available to visitors. It is a goal of ours to establish a fine reputation as a state with excellent opportunities to the outdoorsman.

I strongly urge you to support House Bill #2307 allowing the issuance of "24 hour fishing licenses" for both non-resident and residents.

Kansas Association of Counties

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March 25, 1985

To: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
From: The Kansas Association of Counties
Re: HB 2307

We wish to express our support for HB 2307 relating to the issuance of fish and game licenses with the exception of the amendment in the brackets beginning on line 127 and ending on line 130.

I would point out that this fee does not go to the county clerk or to a special county clerk's fund. It goes directly to the county general fund.

It is, and has always been, the statutory duty of the county clerks to do most of the administrative work on this public service provided by the state. Most of the licenses are sold by agents and if the county is to benefit only from those licenses sold in the courthouse, the costs of handling the bookkeeping procedures will have to be borne by the county.

We ask that you please delete the above referenced amendment and recommend the bill bavorable for passage.

Thank you.

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ATTACHMENT B