

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./~~p.m.~~ on February 26, 1986, in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Gordon - Excused  
Senator Yost - Absent

Committee staff present:  
Ramon Powers - Research  
Don Hayward - Revisor  
Nancy Jones - Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
George Axline - Kansas Fish & Game Commission

SB 679 - Concerning fees charged by county clerks for sale or issuance of permits and licenses.

Introduction of the bill was requested by a group of Kansas county clerks. Chairman Werts reviewed the background for the proposed legislation for the committee.

George Axline testifying as an opponent stated the fiscal impact is the basic reason for opposition by the Fish & Game Commission. With passage of legislation last year eliminating the fee collected by the county clerks for issuance of licenses and permits, 16 counties have discontinued handling vendors due to lack of compensation, and the responsibility for 32% of license sales has returned to the Fish & Game Commission. An estimated 500,000 licenses are sold each year with 90% being sold by vendors. At present approximately 306,000 licenses are sold by county clerk vendors and with this bill an additional 50¢ charge would be levied by the county clerks resulting in the license buyers paying an additional \$153,000 each year. This would be an increase from \$9.50 to \$10.00 for Fish & Game licenses when purchased from the county clerks' vendors and 50¢ more than the cost from direct vendors of the Fish & Game Commission. He further stated no problems have developed as a result of non-participation by county clerks in the 16 counties.

Chairman Werts stated county clerks desired this legislation since vendors appointed by the Fish & Game are requesting supplies from them rather than waiting for delivery from Pratt.

Senator Daniels pointed out that costs to the county clerks for handling licenses are being absorbed by county budgets since there is no compensation. This seems inequitable and compensation should be made.

Senator Feleciano expressed opposition to an increase of 50¢ in fees which would have to be paid by sportsmen in the state.

A motion was made by Senator Daniels to report SB 679 favorably, seconded by Senator Hayden.

A substitute motion was made by Senator Feleciano to revert to the pricing structure prior to 1985, seconded by Senator Martin.

In further discussion Senator Kerr stated both motions should be rejected as the system now used has been in effect only six months and more time should be allowed to ascertain its effectiveness; also the committee has not heard testimony from proponents of the bill.

Senator Feleciano withdrew his motion.

Senator Vidricksen made the substitute motion to table SB 679. For lack of a second, the motion failed.

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room 123-S, Statehouse, at 8:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 26, 1986

On the primary motion to report SB 679 favorably, the motion failed.

Senator Kerr made the motion to report SB 679 adversely, seconded by Senator Langworthy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 5, 1986.

Guest List  
2-26-86

Bill Hanzlick  
George Axline  
MIKE BEAM

Pratt  
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TOPEKA

Ks Fish & Game  
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Ks LUSTK. ASSN.