

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 March 20, 1986 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Feleciano - Excused
Senator Eric Yost - Absent

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2865 - Relating to hunting of certain animals

In discussion Senator Martin stated he feels permits should be given to all Kansas residents who apply, before issuance of permits to non-residents who own land in Kansas. Senator Daniels stated her disagreement with such a policy as all landowners should be allowed permits since they assume the loss and damage caused by big game and pay the property taxes, and non residents should not be barred from hunting on their own land.

A motion was made by Senator Martin to delete the amendments of the House Committee of the Whole on HB 2865 and insert the provision that non-resident landowners receive permits only after all Kansas residents are satisfied. Seconded by Senator Langworthy. Motion failed.

Senator Kerr stated the bill is too limiting and proposed the language should be changed to read as SB 497 did as voted out of committee several weeks ago. Further discussion was held regarding the age limit to remain at 14; the penalty provision as stated in SB 497 of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$100.00; and the minimum acreage needed to qualify as a landowner under this bill be raised to 160 acres. It was noted that line 135 of the bill limits issuance of permits to a landowner of one for each 80 acres owned.

Senator Kerr made the motion to amend HB 2865, changing the language to read as SB 497 when voted out of committee, seconded by Senator Langworthy. Motion carried.

Senator Thiessen stated he favors consideration of lowering the permit fee for landowners to 50% of cost as set by the Fish & Game Commission. It was noted this will be a loss of \$100,000 in revenue for the Fish & Game Commission. Senator Thiessen feels the landowner needs more recognition as they assume the losses for crop damage and lost revenues from the half priced permits can be replaced with issuance of more permits by the Fish & Game Commission.

A motion was made by Senator Thiessen to amend HB 2865 to allow landowners/tenants to purchase permits for one-half the cost of the fee as set, seconded by Senator Hayden. Motion carried.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that the Fish & Game Commission has the authority to issue permits for hunting elk, but does not have authority to charge a fee for the permit. The fee structure would be not less than \$50.00 or more than \$100.00.

A motion was made by Senator Kerr to amend HB 2865 to give the authority to the Fish & Game Commission to set a fee for elk hunting permits, seconded by Senator Vidricksen. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Thiessen to recommend HB 2865 favorably as amended, seconded by Senator Daniels. Motion carried. Senator Martin requested his no vote be recorded.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 25, 1986.

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