

Approved February 8, 1988
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The meeting was called to order by Representative Dennis Spaniol at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on January 19, 1988 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barr (excused)

Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers, Research Department

Paul West, Research Department

Raney Gilliland, Research Department

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office

Betty Ellison, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Robert L. Meinen, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks

Darrel Montei, Legislative Liaison, Department of Wildlife and Parks

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Spaniol. Robert L. Meinen, the new Secretary of Wildlife and Parks, and Darrel Montei, Legislative Liaison of Wildlife and Parks were introduced to the committee. Secretary Meinen gave brief information relative to his background and experience.

House Bill 2628--An act creating the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks private gifts and donations fund.

Staff gave a brief review of the provisions of the bill. He said that the main intent was to merge the existing private donation funds of the former Kansas Fish and Game Commission and the former Kansas Parks and Recreation Authority into the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks private gifts and donations fund. Interest earned on the moneys would be credited to the fund. Interest earned on the moneys would be credited to the fund. Responding to a question, staff said that this bill would combine the gift funds, but they still would track separately--the separation being maintained on an internal basis.

Secretary Meinen noted that this was an interim committee recommendation and he asked for favorable consideration. In answer to a question of the Chairman, he said that pooling the funds would provide approximately \$4800 per year for special projects. The Secretary noted that people like to know that everything generated from their donations will go to their specific interest.

House Bill 2629--Forty-eight hour waterfowl hunting permit.

Staff gave a briefing, noting that this was essentially a clean-up bill. The fee for a forty-eight hour permit had previously been authorized, but the permit itself had not been authorized.

Secretary Meinen noted that this bill was also discussed by the interim committee. It establishes legislative intent and directs the Department of Wildlife and Parks to move forward with it. The Fish and Game Commission has already prepared regulations on this.

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room 526-S Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on January 19, 1988.

During discussion, the Secretary said that the fee set last year on this was \$20.00 and he felt that the initial fiscal impact would not affect the agency very much. He would like to see this implemented and the fee structure could be readjusted later if warranted.

Chairman Spaniol noted that this was a plan to use on a trial basis to see what type of support could be obtained from out-of-state hunters and to address the issue of economic development and getting tourism dollars into the state. Secretary Meinen said that his department would look at the fee schedule to see if it needed to be adjusted.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will be held on January 20, 1988 at 3:30 p.m.

