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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 2, 1988 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Vidricksen - Absent

Committee staff present:

Don Hayward - Revisor Laura Howard - Research
Nancy Jones - Secretary Paul West - Research

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Robert Meinen, Secretary, Wildlife & Parks
Darrell Montei, Wildlife & Parks

HB 2628 - Creating Wildlife & Parks private gifts and donation fund

Chairman Werts introduced Secretary Meinen to brief the committee on
HB 2628.

Secretary Meinen testified the proposed legislation was recommended by the interim committee to establish one fund unifying the Fish & Game Commission Donation account, Wild Trust Fund and the Park Resources Donation Fund for efficiency with reorganization and increased financial return through investments. (Attachment I)

Secretary Meinen stated interest accrued would be returned to each account prorated on monies placed in the one fund. The Wildlife Trust account is essentially made up of trusts, donations of cash, and/or property as is the Parks Donation Fund. The Chickadee Check-Off Account is based on donations from income tax returns and will remain separate. Thought has been given to establishment of a Foundation fund for specified contributions such as environmental projects. Estimated value of the funds is \$50,000 Wildlife Trust, \$15,000 Parks Donation Fund and \$200,000 Chickadee Fund.

Concern was expressed regarding statutory restrictions placed on investment of the fund resources as higher return might be realized by alternative investments. Don Hayward stated the language of the bill is common as a principal guideline for pool investments.

HB 2629 - Authorizing certain waterfowl hunting permits

Darrell Montei testified the intent of this bill is to describe and establish the 48 hour permit by law as the fee structure was established in 1987 with no authority granted. Mr. Montei stated in order to hunt waterfowl in Kansas both a federal stamp and a state waterfowl habitat stamp are required. The 48 hour permit was established to encourage hunting with the option of a \$20.00 fee rather than a season permit of \$50.00 Three stamps and/or permits are required to hunt waterfowl in Kansas: federal waterfowl stamp, state waterfowl permit and state habitat stamp which is a total cost of \$38.00 if the 48 hour permit is purchased. (Attachment II)

Senator Langworthy stated constituents would like to see permits issued on a seasonal basis rather than by the calendar year. Mr. Montei stated seasonal permits have been discussed, but other groups such as fishermen could be adversely affected. This is still being considered.

A motion was made by Senator Gordon to recommend HB 2628 favorably; seconded by Senator Langworthy. Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 3, 1988

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Guest List

Ron Hein

Topoka

Mesa

Rick Kready

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KPH Gas Service

Margaret Ahrens

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Sierra Club

Bob W. Hayes

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KCCF

H.B. 2628

TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE - March 2, 1988

PROVIDED BY: KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS

House Bill 2628 combines the private gifts and donations fund of the former Kansas Fish and Game Commission and the former Kansas Park and Resources Authority into one private gifts and donations fund for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. This fund would be administered through the Departments' Wildtrust Program. Internal accounting systems insure that private gift and donations are used for purposes intended by the donor.

Legislation enacted in 1987 directed that interest generated by the former Kansas Fish and Game Commissions' private gifts and donations fund be credited to that fund. Monthly interest generated by that account have averaged \$400. It is estimated that \$4,800 of interest monies will be credited to that account during FY88. Passage of H.B. 2628 would expand the amount available for investment by approximately \$15,000. Accrued interest is credited internally to the various sub-accounts which generated the interest.

Combining both private gifts and donations funds under one fund will simplify administration of the fund, expand the funding base and generate interest on all donated funds rather than only a portion of the funds. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks strongly supports H.B. 2628.

ATTACH I
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H.B. 2629

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House Bill 2629 would establish by law a 48 hour waterfowl hunting permit and clarify that all federal and state waterfowl habitat or hunting stamps would still be required of a 48 hour waterfowl hunting permit purchaser. The 1987 legislature did establish such a permit through amendment to K.S.A. 32-164b (Fee Structure Statute) and prescribed a permit fee of \$20.00 for 1988; however, no definition or authority for the permit was recognized by statute. H.B. 2629 would address that need.

Although the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks does have concern regarding the precedent of a short term hunting license in lieu of a regular non-resident license, we do support H.B. 2629 as necessary to clarify intent of the 48 hour waterfowl hunting permit.

ATTACH II
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