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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./~~p.m.~~ on April 4, 1988 in room _____ of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Pursuant to a motion adopted by the Committee on March 25, Chairman Werts called a meeting of the Committee "at the rail" for discussion of the drafted Resolution encouraging an interim study of the deer population and related agricultural concerns which were addressed in HB 2729.
(Attachment I)

A motion was made by Senator Yost to recommend introduction of the Resolution and that it be referred directly to the Committee of the Whole; seconded by Senator Vidricksen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

By Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to address aspects of agricultural concern regarding the deer resource and further, providing for a special committee to make a legislative study concerning Kansas deer management programs.

WHEREAS, The Department of Wildlife and Parks is responsible for wildlife management and conservation of our natural resources, including deer; and

WHEREAS, Deer are a valuable natural resource for the people of Kansas and provides for countless hours of consumptive and non-consumptive recreation; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas economy benefits substantially from those recreational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, A large proportion of the deer population is dependent on and associated with private lands and suitable habitats found thereon; and

WHEREAS, The majority of lands in Kansas are privately owned and are used predominantly for agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, An overabundance of deer in some areas may create conflicts with and economic losses to agricultural interests; and

WHEREAS, Methods to control deer populations and alleviate damage problems exist including, but not limited to; hunting, cultural practices, mechanical techniques, and certain chemicals; and

WHEREAS, Management of the deer resource must incorporate proper conservation with recreational and agricultural interests into a well balanced program: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Secretary of Agriculture are encouraged to address aspects of agricultural concern regarding the deer resource; and

Be it further resolved: That the Department of Wildlife and Parks, in concert with the Department of Agriculture and the K.S.U. Extension Service Wildlife Damage Control Specialist, is encouraged to continue and to improve upon existing

educational and technical service programs directed at deer depredation; and

Be it further resolved: That the legislative coordinating council shall appoint or designate a special committee to study the Kansas deer management program as it is applied in this state. Such special committee shall make its report and recommendations to the legislature and transmit the same to the legislative coordinating council on or before December 1, 1988, unless such council authorizes an extension of such time.