

Approved: 3-19-97
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Lloyd at 3:30 p.m. on March 11, 1997 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Sharon Schwartz - excused
Rep. Laura McClure - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Ann Graham, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Stephen Morris
Clint Riley, KS Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Steve Lloyd called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. He called the committee's attention to the minutes of February 17, 18, 19, 20, and 24 meetings, that had been distributed. He opened public hearing on **SB 275:**

SB 275: **An act authorizing the secretary of state to grant an easement to Finney county for the purpose of construction and maintenance of a stream crossing.**

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department, explained the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Senator Stephen Morris to the committee. He spoke in support of the bill. One of the counties that he represents, Finney county, requested the bill. A number of people that live south of the Arkansas river would utilize this crossing, along with Finney county public works and also a sand pit would be utilizing this facility. The only way an easement can be granted is by the state of Kansas and that is why this bill was requested to be introduced. Discussion and questions followed.

The Chairman recognized Leland Rolfs, Attorney, Division of Water Resources. He stated that the structure has already received a permit from the Division of Water Resources, which has looked into the aspects of whether this structure would cause flooding or impede the flow of water and has been granted subject to getting the easement.

The Chairman thanked Senator Morris for his testimony and Leland Rolfs for his comments. Hearing no others to testify, he closed the hearing on **SB 275.**

The Chairman opened public hearing on **SB 237:**

SB 237: **An act concerning the migratory waterfowl stamp; amending K.S.A. 32-939 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 32-940.**

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, explained the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Clint Riley, Wildlife and Parks, to the committee. Mr. Riley provided testimony in support of the bill. (See Attachment 1) He feels this bill would eliminate the existing statutory requirement that the department contract with a nonprofit organization for the purpose of conducting a design contest for the annual migratory waterfowl habitat stamp and would retain the existing law requiring a migratory waterfowl stamp in order to hunt migratory waterfowl. Discussion and questions followed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, Room 526-S Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m. on March 11, 1997.

Hearing no others to testify, the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 237**. He asked if anyone objected to having final action on the two bills just heard.

Rep. Kent Glasscock made a motion to pass **SB 275** and place on the consent calendar, Rep. David Huff seconded. Motion passed.

Rep. Don Myers made a motion to pass **SB 237** and place on the consent calendar, Rep. Dan Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Rep. Kent Glasscock made a motion to approve the minutes of meetings February 17, 18, 19, 20, and 24, Rep. Richard Alldritt seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 1997.

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

DATE: 3-11-97

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Senate Bill No. 237: Testimony

Presented to: House Committee on Environment
Provided by: Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Date: March 11, 1997

SB 237 would eliminate the existing statutory requirement that the department contract with a nonprofit waterfowl organization for the purpose of conducting a design contest for the annual migratory waterfowl habitat stamp. The bill would retain the existing law requiring a migratory waterfowl stamp in order to hunt migratory waterfowl.

In the past, the department has contracted with Ducks Unlimited (DU) under this statute. The intent of the law was to allow DU to sell the original artwork and associated prints for a profit to benefit the work of the organization. The department would use the winning artwork design on the annual migratory waterfowl permit issued by the department. The department did not receive any funds directly from the sale of the artwork.

Over the last four years, DU has either broken even or operated the program at a financial loss. Consequently, the organization has expressed its desire to discontinue its involvement in the program, and no other equivalent nonprofit waterfowl organization exists that would have the interest or resources to conduct the program. However, termination of the program requires legislative action.

The department would continue to issue the annual waterfowl stamp, but without the artwork component. As the department never received the revenue from the artwork design competition nor funded the competition, elimination of the program would have no financial impact on the department or state revenues.