

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara P. Allen at 1:30 p.m. on February 19, 1998 in Room 522-S-of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Presta - excused

Committee staff present: Tom Severn, Legislative Research Department
Mark Burenheide, Legislative Research Department
Rena Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Allen brought the committee's attention to discussion and possible action on several bills today.

HB2899 - State lake resort, implementation, we have an amendment to add on page 3, line 21 after (on state-owned land) insertion (for leased property). Rep. Wilk moved and Rep. Wempe seconded to add the language (for leased property) on page 3, line 21. The motion carried. Rep. Beggs moved to pass HB 2899 as amended. Rep. Benlon seconded, the motion carried.

HB 2716 - Canoeing permit required for canoeing on certain waters. Chairperson Allen informed the committee, that Rep. Sloan had provided a balloon.

Chairperson Allen recognized Rep. Sloan to give a brief overview of the balloon he had presented to the committee.

Rep. Larkin move to adopt the substitute for HB 2716, seconded by Rep. Wilk. The motion carried. Rep. Larkin moved, Rep. Phelps seconded to pass the substitute for HB 2716. The motion carried.

HB 2894 - Duties of the Kansas tourist attraction evaluation committee. Chairperson informed the committee **HB 2894** contains Kansas Inc. recommendations. It gives the secretary of KDOCH the ability to approve or disapprove the applications, and removes the requirement that the committee provide technical advice on the tourist attraction grants.

Chairperson Allen stated that the evaluation committee consists of 3 people appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, who evaluate the grants, then make recommendations to the Secretary. The Council is composed of 17 members, 11 are appointed by the Governor, 3 by the President of the Senate, and 3 by Speaker of the House. To date there is no money in the state tourism fund; if we were to fund the fund, then the Council would be working on items related to tourism, but not necessarily the grants.

Rep. Adkins offered a conceptual amendment to alter HB 2894 to let the Tourism Council handle the grant program, using the same procedures under rules and regulations that the evaluation committee had used, and for the evaluation committee to collapse. Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion.

Rep. Shriver move to table HB 2894 with Rep. Larkin to second the motion. The motion failed.

Rep. Larkin made a substitute motion to pass HB 2894 as drafted. Rep. Shriver seconded

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the motion. The motion failed.

Chairperson Allen brought the committee back to the bill as amended by Rep. Adkins. Rep. Wilk moved to pass HB 2894 as amended. Rep. Alldritt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairperson Allen brought the committee's attention to **HB 2674 - raising the age for exemption from park and recreation motor vehicle permit requirements. Rep. Adkins moved, Rep. Welshimer seconded to table HB 2674. The motion passed.**

Chairperson Allen adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 1998.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TOURISM GUEST LIST

DATE: 2/19/98

NAME	REPRESENTING
Alan Steppat	Pete McBride & Assoc.
Rep Tom Swan	
Judy Billings	Lawrence CVB
Rep Joann Flower	Dist #47
STEVE WILLIAMS	KDWP
Dick Kwerth	KDWP
Alex Kotyantz	J.C. Geary Co. CVB (Lobbyist)
Annette McWitt	KDFA
Dick Bauman	KDGT
Mike Wambold	Internship / Rep. Joann Flower
Ngrine Kruse	KDOC & H, Tourism
Chad Love	KDWP
Clint Riley	KDWP
Charles Benjamin	KNRC / KS Sierra Club
Larry Cope	Jefferson County EDC