

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND PARKS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Hutchins at 3:30 p.m. on January 22, 2003 in Room 243-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Margaret Long - excused
Broderick Henderson - excused
Tom Thull - excused

Committee staff present: Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Sarah Samuelson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairperson Becky Hutchins. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

The Committee Rules (Attachment 1) were distributed. Chairperson Hutchins mentioned the location of her office, Room 502-S, and discussed the agenda for the next two meetings.

Ranking Minority Member Ethel Peterson commented that she hoped the tourism committee would provide opportunities to increase the revenue for the state.

Vice-Chairperson Judy Morrison had no comments.

Chairperson Hutchins asked for bill introductions from committee members. No bills were requested at that time.

Chairperson Hutchins asked for bill requests from the gallery. Chad Luce, representing the Department of Wildlife and Parks, requested a bill with two parts:

- to remove senior citizen exemptions from hunting and fishing licenses. The current license exemption would continue for citizens who are already 65, as these citizens would be grandfathered in. Only new senior citizens would be required to purchase licenses.
- to remove senior citizen discounts from the entry fees for the state parks

Mr. Luce said that the reason for this request is that state contributions to the Parks budget have continued to fall, and this is one way to increase revenues. The same can be said of the hunting and fishing licenses; additionally, the federal government provides aid to the state (from federal excise taxes) for every license sold, so this would be a way of reapportioning more of those federal dollars. This aid is not available for licenses given away.

Chairperson Hutchins asked if these two concerns would be together in one bill request. Mr. Luce replied in the affirmative.

Representative Ray Merrick asked for a fiscal note on expected revenue increases. Mr. Luce replied that although the studies were not yet complete, his preliminary estimates would be as follows:

- a \$685,000 revenue increase in hunting and fishing licenses, including federal aid that would be reapportioned to Kansas because of the increase in collected fees.
- a \$210,000 revenue increase in Parks passes, as computed from an estimated 12,000 senior citizens entering the parks, at \$17.50 more per full-price pass than per discounted pass.

The bill was introduced as requested, without objection from the committee members.

Ranking Minority Member Peterson requested a bill clarifying regulations of the pursuit of wounded game

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onto private property. The bill was introduced as requested, without objection from the committee members.

Chairperson Becky Hutchins adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2003.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND PARKS

GUEST LIST

DATE: Jan. 22, '03

| NAME | REPRESENTING |
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| Ron Siebo | KERN law Kansas Restaurant Association |
| Sandia Braden | Travel Industry of KS TIAK |
| Chad Luce | KDWP |
| Chris Tomson | KDWP |
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RULES FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND PARKS

1. A substitute motion is in order, but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed.
2. Amendments to motions are not in order.
3. A motion requires a second to be in order.
4. A motion to take from the table shall be in order only when such item is on the agenda or is taken up by the chair. The motion requires a simple majority and is non-debatable.
5. No conferee shall be interrupted during presentation of their testimony, except with the permission of the chair.
6. Questioning of a conferee shall be limited to the subject matter of the agenda for the day.
7. Granting excused absences is reserved to the chair.
8. A request from any member that their own vote be recorded shall be granted.
9. All conferees are requested to submit enough copies of written testimony (30) for all committee members and staff.
10. For a unanimous consent motion on non-controversial items, the motion should be: Mr/Madam Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that:" The chair's response should be to repeat the motion, then say, "Without objection (slight pause) it is so ordered. "
11. Adjournment is reserved to the chair.
12. In any case where committee rules do not apply, House Rules shall govern. All powers, duties and responsibilities not addressed above are reserved to the chair.
13. Cellular phones are prohibited in the Tourism and Parks Committee room, unless audible tones or ringers are disabled.
14. The chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business.
15. The chair reserves the right to limit questioning of conferees by committee members in the interest of time and in the interest of fairness to conferees and other committee members.
16. The committee meetings shall start at 3:30 p.m., and promptness is appreciated.

House Tourism Committee

Meeting Date 1/22/03

Attachment 1