

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:37 a.m. on March 5, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Members present:

Senator Christine Downey  
Senator Derek Schmidt  
Senator Dwayne Umbarger  
Senator Janis Lee  
Senator Mark Taddiken  
Senator Robert Tyson  
Senator Tim Huelskamp

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Linda Bradley, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tony DeRossett, Kansas State Director for Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry  
Steve Swaffar, Director Natural Resources, Kansas Farm Bureau  
LeAnn M. Schmitt, Specialist Assistant to the Secretary Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks  
Kim Douglas, Community Services Coordinator for Mid Kansas Community Action Program

Others attending:

See Attached List.

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**Hearing on House Bill 2731**

**HB 2731 is concerning hunting; relating to voluntary contributions to Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry.**

Chairman Tyson asked Raney Gilliland, Staff, to explain **HB 2731**. He stated the bill would add a provision to existing law to hunting license applications for the applicant to make a voluntary contributions of \$2 or more to support the activities of Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry.

Tony DeRossett, Kansas State Director for Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, (FHFH), was introduced by Chairman Tyson as a proponent. Mr. DeRossett stated Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry was started in Maryland and is a simple concept in that hunters harvest deer and drop them at participating processors where they are ground into 2lbs package of burger. FHFH pays for the processing and distributes the meat to local food pantries. (Attachment 1)

Steve Swaffar, Director Natural Resources, Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB), was introduced by Chairman Tyson as a proponent. Mr. Swaffar stated KFB supports the concept by the FHFH program and has financially supported the program the last two years. KFB believes this program benefits our farmer and rancher members by reducing the deer herd that causes damage to crops, fences and other personal property. (Attachment 2)

LeAnn M. Schmitt, Special Assistant to the Secretary Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, was introduced by Chairman Tyson as a proponent. Ms. Schmitt stated **HB 2731** would require the Secretary of the Department to include a provision on hunting license forms that allows for the collection of a two-dollar donation to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. (Attachment 3)

Kim Douglas, Community Services Coordinator for Mid Kansas Community Action Program, was introduced by Chairman Tyson as a proponent. Ms. Douglas stated Mid Kansas Community Action Program, Inc. is proud to support the FHFH program. We have been involved with this program by being

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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a spokesperson on the programs behalf. Our food pantry has been a distribution site and we have located funds to help with meat processing costs. The meat helps the low income families and is the only meat source in food pantries, their only source of protein. (Attachment 4)

The Committee was asked by Chairman Tyson if there were any questions. Senators Lee, Schmidt, Tyson, Taddiken and Umbarger had a range of questions including depredation tags, is processing cost effective, hunters don't know about these programs, brochures- promotions-posters to inform hunters, is finance biggest problem for processing meat, adequate distribution of meat and have a link to a website to read more about application.

Senator Lee made a motion to amend the bill to require the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to report annually beginning on February 1, 2006 to the Senate Natural Resources Committee and Health Environment concerning the progress of the voluntary contributions on forms for hunting licenses going to Kansas farmers and hunters feeding the hungry. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Taddiken made a motion to pass out the bill favorably. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2004.



Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) is a simple concept. Hunters harvest deer and drop them at participating processors where they are ground into 2lbs packages of burger. FHFH pays for the processing and distributes the meat to LOCAL food pantries. FHFH began in 1997 in Maryland. A teacher heading to the field to deer hunt passed a woman stranded along the highway. Thinking she had a flat tire, he stopped to assist. After stopping, he found that she did not have a flat, but was trying to load a deer that had been hit by a car into her trunk to feed her hungry children and herself. Having helped her with the deer and sent her on her way he thought to himself "there has to be a better way". It was that moment that this program began.

We contacted that Maryland ex-teacher in the summer of 2001 and asked about bringing FHFH to Kansas. Following a few months of discussions, with support from the Kansas RC&D Councils and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry was born. The founder in Maryland suggested that because we had SO much to established in our first year we should set a modest goal of raising the money to pay for and getting 10 deer donated for distribution. We did a bit better and had 180 deer donated feeding roughly 36,000 hungry Kansas' in the very first year. The next year was more successful; we had 418 deer donated. That's a 130% increase. This huge growth put us in the red with our budget and in the summer of 2003, we were not sure that we would be able to accept deer in the fall due to a lack of funds. Then, with a support of the Insurance commissioner and Secretary of KDWP we met with representatives from several insurance companies that donated a combined total of \$15,000 funding our entire budget this past fall, paying for a reduced but appreciated 217 deer. It is funding like this and other multidimensional means that will help to grow this program to it's fullest potential. That is what brings me here today.

FHFH brings a positive to many challenges faced on a state level. First and most obvious, HUNGER. We are supplying a critical protein source that would otherwise be absent from many Kansas' diets. Next, we have deer management. KDWP has done practically all it can to increase doe harvest in areas with high populations. But, very few hunters will harvest more deer than they will eat (1 maybe 2). FHFH gives them a way to buy additional tags and spend more time in the woods doing what they love. And at the same time helping to manage the Kansas herd. Next, we have the farmers who have much of their crops devastated by deer mowing down the first 15 rows of EVERY field they have. Finally, how about all

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those deer lying beside the highways. I am certain that at least one of these issues effects each of us.

Page 1 shows that since 1998 we have had approximately 10,000 deer/auto accidents in Kansas each year. Costing the insurance companies and us dearly and for a select few it has cost their lives.

Pages 2,3, &4 show the nearly 50 food pantries and food kitchens that received meat from KSFHFH in 2002.

Pages 5 & 6 address the question of whether we could run out of places to donate the meat. We initially distribute it within the community it was donated then expand to a wider market as needed. These pages show approximately 30 food pantries and kitchens between Kansas City and Lawrence that have NOT yet received any venison.

Pages 7,8,9, &10 show a small bit of the appreciation that comes from this priceless donation.

**Deer-Vehicle Crashes in Kansas**

According to Kansas Department of Transportation statistics, 10,184 deer-vehicle accidents occurred on Kansas roadways in 2001, causing 418 injuries but no deaths. There have been more deer-vehicle crashes in recent years than there were ten and twenty years ago. For example, Kansans reported 4,209 deer-vehicle crashes in 1990 with 161 injuries. In 1980, they reported only 1,395 accidents with 68 injuries.

**Kansas Deer Accidents: 1980 - 2001**

YEAR	ACCIDENTS				PEOPLE	
	ACCIDENTS	FATAL	INJURY	*P.D.O.	DEATHS	INJURIES
1980	1395	-	58	1337	-	68
1981	1757	-	58	1699	-	69
1982	1963	-	59	1904	-	71
1983	2375	-	85	2290	-	112
1984	2949	-	90	2859	-	110
1985	2675	-	114	2561	-	129
1986	3175	1	116	3056	1	142
1987	3601	-	107	3494	-	135
1988	3910	1	132	3777	1	153
1989	4020	-	149	3871	-	166
1990	4209	-	132	4077	-	161
1991	4366	1	137	4229	1	168
1992	4739	1	130	4608	1	158
1993	5582	-	145	5438	-	171
1994	6571	1	188	6384	1	222
1995	6746	2	203	6542	2	239
1996	8415	2	281	8133	5	339
1997	9116	5	279	8832	5	350
1998	9992	1	366	9625	1	439
1999	10312	1	369	9942	1	450
2000	9591	1	322	9268	1	384
2001	10184	-	351	9833	-	418

\*P.D.O. = Property Damage Only accidents  
 1980 - 1989: Basic Accident Records System (BARS)  
 1990 - 2001: Kansas Accident Records System (KARS)

Source: Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)

RECEIVING ORGANIZATIONS  
FOR 2002/2003

NEK-CAP  
Northeast Kansas Community Action Program, Inc.  
Atchison, Brown, Jackson, Nemaha, Cos

Sac & Fox Tribal Food Pantry

Potawatomi Tribal Food Pantry

Salvation Army  
Atchison, Ks

First Baptist Church  
Hiawatha, Ks

First Baptist Church  
Troy, Ks

Our Brother's Keeper Food Pantry  
Troy, Ks

Help Your Neighbor West Food Pantry  
Highland, Ks

Help Your Neighbor East Food Pantry  
Elwood, Ks

God's Store House  
Meridan, Ks

Food Pantry  
McClouth, Ks

Kansas City Kansas Catholic Charities

Merriam Kansas Catholic Charities

Olathe Catholic Charities

Concordia Food Bank  
Concordia, Ks

Beloit Food Bank  
Beloit, Ks

Bridges of Hope  
Kansas City, Ks

Mid-CAP Greenwood County

First Baptist Church  
El Dorado, Ks

Twelve Baskets Program Christian Fellowship  
El Dorado, Ks

Salvation Army  
El Dorado, Ks

Community Caring Center  
Augusta, Ks

Care and Share  
Council Grove, Ks

Main Street Ministries  
Hillsboro, Ks

Marion Food Bank  
Marion, Ks

Emporia Rescue Mission  
Emporia, Ks

Salvation Army  
Emporia, Ks

Chase County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry  
Chase County

Anthony Food Bank  
Anthony, Ks

Harper Food Bank  
Harper, Ks

Kingman Area Food Bank  
Kingman, Ks

Kiowa County Food Bank  
Greensburg, Ks

Comanche County Health Department and Food Bank  
Coldwater, Ks

Pratt Area Food Bank  
Pratt, Ks

Barber County Food Bank  
Medicine Lodge, Ks

City of Kiowa Food Bank  
Kiowa, Ks

Attica Food Bank  
Attica, Ks

Mid-America All-Indian Center  
Wichita, Ks



Beacon  
Fort Scott, Ks

Pittsburg Food Bank  
Pittsburg, Ks

Erie Food Bank  
Erie, Ks

Yates Center Food Bank  
Yates Center, Ks

Fredonia Food Bank  
Fredonia, Ks

tony derossett

From: "Bonnie Rosen-Cowherd" <maachcm@maalink.org>  
 To: <tonyderossett@comcast.net>  
 Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 11:11 AM  
 Subject: FW: List of Kansas food pantries and food kitchens

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Charles [mailto:scharles@maalink.org]  
 Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 2:51 PM  
 To: Bonnie Rosen-Cowherd  
 Subject: RE: List of Kansas food pantries and food kitchens

### Wyandotte County

Harvest America 913-342-2121 Solrentino Camancho  
 Days: M T W TH F 8AM-5PM

Our Savior Lutheran 913-236-6228 Frank Eberhart  
 Days: M T W 9am-11:15am

Rosedale Sharing Community 913-236-8820 Jeff Miller  
 Days: M T W TH F 8:30am-1:30pm must be referred by agencies

Total Action Center 913-432-7555  
 M T W TH F 8:30am-5pm

Bethel Seventh Day Adventist 913-231-4700 Ella Thomas  
 4th Sun/Month Wed for emergencies Sun 9am-12pm Call first  
 appointments only

Bridges of Hope 913-281-4700 Gary Roellchon  
 M T W TH F 9am-12pm KCK metro area

Catholic community srv 913-621-1504 Sr.Rosalie Curtin  
 M T W TH 9am-12pm 1pm-3pm Fri 9am-1pm Wyandotte County

Economic Opportunity Foundation 913-371-7800 Betty Armstrong  
 M T W TH F 8:30am-5pm Wyandotte County

Grandview Cong community of Christ 913-321-3268 Barbara Blair  
 M T W TH F CALL for APPOINTMENTS Wyandotte county (church area)  
 emergency food only, must have a stove to prepare food. (delivers)

Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry 913-342-8333 Yvonne Brown  
 M T W TH F 9-12pm Wyandotte County 4x per years

Prescott Center Association 913-621-3571 Mary Martin  
 M T W TH F No set hours (Call First) westside of 10th to east of

18th

Salvation Army KCK 913-321-6958 Kathy Ledkins  
M T W T H F 8:30am-4:30pm Wyandotte Only

Metro Ave. United Methodist 913-831-4531 Cynthia Weems  
T Th 9am-11am Argentine, Rosedale area (66106 only)

Armourdale Baptist 913-371-6476 Joe Garza  
Mon only 10am-12pm Armourdale residents 7th street trafficway-14th  
street 1x a month

Bethel Riverview C&D center 913-321-7418 Jacqueline Dobbs  
M T W T H F 8:30am-5am 66101,66102,66105

Crosslines Cooperative Council KCK 913-281-3388 Trish Obrien  
M T W T H F 8am-3:30pm Rosedale, Argentine, Turner, Armourdale

Northeast C&D center 913-371-0848 Sheila Jones  
M T W T H F 8:30am-5pm NE area of KCK 1st-55th Washington-River

Pleasant Green Baptist KCK 913-371-5393 Ethel Davis  
M T W T H F Sat 9am-5pm



Catholic Charities  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

S E R V I N G A L L

2220 Central Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66102-4797  
913.621.1504  
f:913.621.4507  
CatholicCharitiesKS.org

A United Way Agency  
A Joint Commission Accredited Agency

*Dear Farmers and Hunters Friends,*

*A great big THANK YOU once again for your very generous donation of deer meat! It will go a long way toward feeding the hungry of our area.*

*Those who have been the recipients of your former donation have enjoyed the meat greatly. (I always ask them ahead of time if they like deer meat and if they know how to cook it! If they are closed to it, I save it for someone else!) But, by and large, most people are very happy to get it.*

*I also had an opportunity to visit with Tony DeRossett and have a little more understanding of your organization. It is an impressive and creative way to provide food for those who have scarce resources of their own.*

*Thank you in the name of all those you have helped to feed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Justis Rosalie Curtin*



# Emporia Rescue Mission

1119 Merchant Street  
Emporia, Kansas 66801

Phone: (316) 342-3351

Rev. Dane M. Cook, Executive Director

## Board of Directors

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Farmers Feeding the Hungry  
Tony DeRossett  
122 S. Concord Dr.  
Olathe, KS 66061

Dear Tony:

I just wanted to thank you for the deer meat that has been donated to the Emporia Rescue Mission through Farmers Feeding the Hungry. It has been such a blessing to us. Because of our limited resources, it can be very difficult, if not impossible, to provide everything we would hope to provide to those men who come through our doors. Your organization has helped us provide a key ingredient in the nutrition of those we serve.

Thank you and those who have made this possible.

Yours truly,

*Rev. Dane M. Cook*

Rev. Dane M. Cook  
Executive Director

*Tony, it was  
sure good to meet  
you the other day.  
Hope you will come  
by again soon.*

P.S. The men have said it sure makes great spaghetti sauce!



**Catholic Charities**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

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*Jony*

South Johnson County  
Emergency Assistance Center  
Case Management ..

333 East Poplar  
Olathe, KS 66061  
913.782.4077  
913.782.0983 fax

A United Way Agency

A Joint Commission  
Accredited Agency

Date March 24, 2003

Name Jony De Rossett, State Director  
Farther's Hunger Feeding the Hungry  
90 E. 260, Strong City, KS 66969

Dear Friend,

Thank-you so much for your contribution to our emergency assistance programs.

Without help like yours, we would not be able to meet the needs of our neighbors as they deal with rising costs, health issues, loss of jobs, and other emergencies.

Many thanks and God bless you for your support.

*Shirley Kelso & Staff*

Shirley Kelso & Staff  
Olathe Catholic Community Services

Donation Food (Ground Venison)

Donor's Estimation of Value \_\_\_\_\_

*We do appreciate your thoughtfulness*

*What a help  
this is*



**Catholic Charities**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

North Johnson County  
Emergency Assistance Center

9307 West 74th Street  
Merriam, KS 66204  
913.432.5158  
913.432.0782 fax

*A United Way Agency*

Tony DeRossett  
Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry  
122 S. Concord Drive  
Olathe, Kansas 66061

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of deer meat for our food pantry. It will help us to feed the low-income clients that we serve each day. Our food pantry serves an average of two hundred families each month and we could not do that without the help of good people like you.

We appreciate your continued support. May God continue to Bless your ministry to the poor and to Bless you all.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Ellen P. Jones, Director



## **Kansas Farm Bureau**

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### **PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT**

#### **Senate Natural Resources Committee**

#### **RE: HB 2731 Concerning Voluntary Contributions to Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry**

**March 5, 2004  
Topeka, Kansas**

**Submitted by:  
Steve M. Swaffar, Director  
Natural Resources**

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Chairman Tyson and members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2731 concerning voluntary contributions to the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) program.

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) supports the concept by the FHFH program and has financially supported the program the last two years. KFB believes this program benefits our farmer and rancher members by reducing the deer herd that causes damage to crops, fences and other personal property. The program has a positive benefit to local food banks, shelters and other services to feed people in need. Additionally, the program can provide hunters an opportunity to donate venison that might otherwise go to waste.

Since the program proposed by HB 2731 is a voluntary program, we do not believe it imposes any unnecessary burden on hunters or other citizens. The program should appeal to those individuals committed to responsible deer herd management and providing food to those in need. Contributions proposed by HB 2731 could provide additional income to the program that would allow for expansion statewide. We hope that additional contributions will be used to expand the program to other areas of the state and make this opportunity available to a broader section of the Kansas citizenry.

We urge the committee to act favorably on HB 2731. We hope you can see the value this program can provide to farmers and ranchers and to charitable food providers.

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Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.

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# KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & PARKS

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

**Testimony on HB 2731 relating to Farmers and Hunters  
Feeding the Hungry Donations  
To  
Senate Natural Resources**

**By LeAnn M. Schmitt  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks**

**March 5, 2004**

HB 2731 would require the Secretary of the Department to include a provision on hunting license forms that allows for the collection of a two-dollar donation to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. HB 2731 would also create a separate fund for the collection of the donations in the state treasury. The provisions of this bill would take effect July 1, 2004.

The Department does not stand opposed to the bill. However, it should be noted that the redrafting of the forms and the provisions for electronic donation through on-line purchases of licenses would cost the Department an estimated \$8,400 for the first year of implementation. In addition, the provision for the donation would not be available on 2004 hunting licenses in paper format, as they have already been printed.

Additionally, the Department would also note that enactment of this bill may also spur further legislation from other nonprofit conservation organizations seeking similar assistance.

*Senate Natural Resources Committee*  
Office of the Secretary

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*Date: 3-05-04*

*Attachment 3*

# Mid-Kansas Community Action Program, Inc.

703 N. Main Eureka, Ks. 67045

Phone: 620-583-6860

Toll #: 1-800-281-6860

Fax: 620-583-6860

## Testimony on HB 2731 relating to Farmer's and Hunters Feeding the Hungry Donations.

Mid Kansas Community Action Program, Inc. is proud to support the F.H.F.H. program. We have been involved with this program by being a spokesperson on the programs behalf. Our food pantry has been a distribution site and we have located funds to help with meat processing costs. The nutrition it will provide to those that can't afford meat in their daily diet will be very beneficial. Below is information about our program and the Greenwood county area we serve. We hope this will give you a better understanding of the importance of the F.H.F.H. program in our county as well as in the other counties we serve.

- 1. Information on Mid-Kansas Community Action Program, Inc.**
  - a. Also known as Mid-Cap
  - b. Non-profit organization focused on helping low-income individuals and families become self-sufficient.
  - c. Programs such as emergency assistance with utilities, housing, food, case management and many more.
  - d. Funded by Community Service Block Grant, E.F.S.N.B. grant and other local grants and donations.
  
- 2. Greenwood County Statistics.**
  - a. In the poverty scale, county rated 103 out of 105 counties
  - b. Population according to 2000 census; 7,673; over age 65 – 1,750; disabled – 882 and individuals below poverty level – 934.
  - c. 46% of student population on free or reduced lunch programs that is 329 out of 719 students.
  - d. Approximately 230 individuals or families on food stamps.
  - e. Gross monthly incomes to qualify for school lunch program and food stamps, \$1,994 - \$2,837.
  
- 3. Programs providing food service.**
  - a. Mid-Cap has a food pantry; donations come from the community, very little meat donated.
  - b. Local church distributes government commodities and 12 Baskets program, once a month. They help feed approximately 139 families or 315 individuals.
  - c. Year 2003, the only meat that was given in the food assistance programs was the donated venison from the F.H.F.H. program; canned beef, chicken and tuna. These were distributed one time each.

Kim Douglas

Mid-Cap Community Service Coordinator

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