

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 3:30 P.M. on January 23, 2007, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Whitney Damron, Kansas Sport Hunting Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

It was noted that committee minutes dated January 9 and 11, 2007, were sent electronically, and, by consensus were approved as written on January 23, 2007.

Report on Sub-Committee for Pesticide Licensure

Vice-Chair Forrest Knox reported the sub-committee examined the potential for licensure exemption in the application of non-restrictive pesticide on stumps. Another sub-committee meeting will occur on Thursday, January 25, 2007, to determine whether to ask for committee approval regarding this issue.

The Chairman will decide later on having a sub-committee for the inundation map issue.

Bill Introduction

Mr. Whitney Damron appeared before the committee on behalf of the Kansas Sport Hunting Association to request introduction of a bill to repeal hunting license requirement for persons hunting on Controlled Shooting Areas (Attachment 1).

By consensus, the committee gave approval for the introduction of Mr. Damron's bill.

Representative Grange requested a bill introduction on licensing requirements and fees paid to the state fire marshal in relation to propane. By consensus, the committee gave approval for introduction of Representative Grange's bill.

A motion was made by Representative Powell, seconded by Representative Knox, to pass out favorably **HB 2048**. By consensus, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Powell, seconded by Representative Fund, to pass out favorably **HB 2013**. By consensus, the motion carried.

Staff member Raney Gilliland advised the committee that this bill has an effective date of publication in the Kansas Register, which is different from the majority of bills the committee approves.

The Chairman announced a hearing on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, on **HB 2052**, a bill sponsored by Representative Bill Otto.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2007.

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REQUEST FOR BILL INTRODUCTION

TO: The Honorable John Faber, Chair
And Members Of The
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Whitney Damron
On Behalf Of The
Kansas Sport Hunting Association

RE: Repeal of hunting license requirements for those who hunt on
Controlled Shooting Areas.

DATE: January 23, 2007

Good afternoon Chairman Faber and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. I am Whitney Damron and I appear before you today on behalf of the Kansas Sport Hunting Association to request introduction of a bill to repeal the requirement for a person to purchase a hunting license or a controlled shooting hunting license to hunt birds on a controlled shooting area as required in K.S.A. 32-946.

Controlled shooting areas are licensed with the state and pay an annual fee of \$200.00. In 2006, it is my understanding there were 239 licensed CSA's in Kansas. Many CSA operators have multiple licenses at \$200.00 per license due to nuances within the law that require separate licenses for separate parcels of land that are not contiguous. Furthermore, those hunting on a controlled shooting area are shooting at propagated birds – birds released onto the property.

The Kansas Sport Hunting Association believes it would be a tremendous marketing and economic development advantage for the State of Kansas to provide that anyone, whether a resident or a non-resident, could hunt in Kansas on a controlled shooting area without being required to purchase a separate license.

There are other advantages to the state of Kansas and the controlled shooting area licensees that would be achieved with this legislation, but we will refrain from providing additional testimony at a bill introduction.

On behalf of the Kansas Sport Hunting Association, I thank you for your consideration of this request and would be available to stand for questions.

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32-946

Chapter 32.--WILDLIFE, PARKS AND RECREATION

Article 9.--LICENSES, PERMITS, STAMPS AND OTHER ISSUES

32-946. Same; shooting season; hunting licenses. No person shall take any game bird upon a controlled shooting area by shooting in any manner except between September 1 and March 31, both dates inclusive, of each year. Controlled shooting area licensees may assess charges to persons hunting on the controlled shooting area, and such charges may include a fee per bird taken. ~~Every person hunting on a controlled shooting area shall possess a valid hunting license or controlled shooting area hunting license, if required by law.~~

History: L. 1955, ch. 230, § 9; L. 1959, ch. 192, § 1; L. 1969, ch. 216, § 2; L. 1989, ch. 118, § 77; July 1.

Amendatory Language:

Any person hunting on a controlled shooting area shall not be required to possess a valid hunting license or controlled shooting area hunting license.

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