

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 February 5, 2008, in Room 783 DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Clay Aurand- excused
Representative Carl Holmes- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
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Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes
Kristen Kellems, Revisor of Statutes
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Candy Ruff
Christopher Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Candy Ruff appeared before the Committee to request introduction of a bill to amend the Kansas Constitution to include the right to hunt and fish. There being no objection, the bill will be introduced.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 267 - failure to comply with a wildlife and parks citation**

Christopher Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, testified in support of the bill, saying that the bill creates a new crime of failure to comply with a Wildlife and Parks citation and amends **K.S.A. 32-1054** (Attachment 1).

Answering a question, Mr. Tymeson said the bill applies to both residents and nonresidents.

Douglas Sebelius, Norton County District Attorney, provided written testimony in support of the bill, noting that the bill will put in place an additional tool to protect Kansas resources (Attachment 2).

The Chair closed the hearing on **HB 267**.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2008, at 3:30 p.m.