

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on March 20, 2003 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senator Schmidt, Senator Downey, Senator Lee, Senator Tyson, Senator Taddiken, Senator Umbarger, Senator Corbin, Senator Huelskamp, Senator Adkins

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Shannon Stone, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached guest list

House Bill 2247

Raney Gilliland briefed the Committee on the bill. Discussion on the bill followed the review. Senator Schmidt had concerns regarding language in Subsection C—that the wording may not accomplish its intent. (Attachment 1) Senator Schmidt made a motion to strike lines 25-31 on page 6 of the bill. Senator Taddiken seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Corbin moved to adopt the amendment proposed at the hearing by Representative Sloan. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Lee made a motion to pass the bill out favorably as amended. Senator Corbin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

House Bill 2078

Senator Umbarger made a motion to strike the floor amendment (lines 4-15) on HB 2078. Senator Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Schmidt proposed new language to the bill that would direct the Department of Wildlife and Parks to file a report containing recommendations for the establishment of a landowner deer management assistance program (DMAP). The report would be presented to the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the House Environment Committee. (Attachment 2)

Senator Downey moved to adopt new language proposed by Senator Schmidt. Senator Corbin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Downey provided a handout from the Department of Wildlife and Parks describing deer damage facts for the state of Kansas. (Attachment 3)

Senator Umbarger presented the Committee with a balloon amendment. The purpose of the new language he presented was to restrict the use of the transferable permit to the county where the applicant qualifies. Senator Lee requested a modification to the language proposed by Senator Umbarger. Language added to the bill broadened the use of the permit to apply to the “county or counties where the qualifying landowner or tenant’s lands are located”. Additionally, language was stricken in lines 11-14. (Attachment 4)

Senator Huelskamp expressed concern with the proposed amendments. He preferred to see the permit to be useable anywhere within the landowner’s unit, as granted in the original bill.

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Senator Umbarger moved to adopt language changes. Senator Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Umbarger made a motion to change the sunset year from 2005 to 2008. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Umbarger made a motion to establish the enforcing date as January 1, 2004. Senator Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Schmidt proposed an amendment that would require the Department to dispose of properly seized property in a proper manner. Revenues from the sale of the property would be deposited in the state general funds. He proposed a second amendment that would require the Department of Wildlife and Parks to identify local geographical areas where deer populations are a problem. The Department would be required to find a way to manage the problem. (Attachment 5)

Senator Schmidt made a motion to adopt the amendment. Senator Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion followed over profits from seized property.

Senator Downey made a substitute motion to which would allow the Department of Wildlife and Parks to retain profits from the sale of seized firearms. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Huelskamp made a motion change language in the bill on page 4, line 43 from "50%" to "60%" so that a greater number of transferable permits would be available to landowners. Senator Tyson seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Senator Lee made a motion to pass the bill out favorably as amended. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Substitute House Bill 2219

Senator Schmidt made a motion to introduce an amendment to **Substitute House Bill 2219**. Senator Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried. (Attachment 6)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.