

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:34 a.m. on March 25, 2002 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey - excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Deborah McIntire, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Richard Jones, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
Laura Kelly, Kansas Recreation & Parks Association
Michael Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Al LeDoux, Director, Kansas Water Office
Ray Aslin, State Forester, Kansas Forest Service
Alan Pollum, Vice President, Nature Conservancy
Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association
Leslie Kaufman, Associate Director, Public Policy Division, Kansas Farm Bureau
Ron Klataske, Executive Director, Audubon of Kansas, Inc.
Dale E. Anderson, Executive Director, National Association of Reversionary and Founder & CEO, American Private Property Advocates
Orville J. Cole

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Tyson opened the hearing on **HB 2471**.

Senator Oleen moved to amend **HB 2471** by striking the existing language in **HB 2471** and inserting the language of proposed senate substitute for **HB 2471**. Senator Huelskamp seconded. Motion carried.

Testimony on HB 2471

Proponents

The first conferee and proponent was Richard Jones (Executive Director, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts). He pointed out to the committee that the proposed senate substitute for **HB 2471** increases the alliance membership from 13 to 15. He has no objections to the Water Office providing all the budgeting, purchasing and related management functions of the alliance so long as it does not interfere with their current operations and responsibilities. He would ask that the bill be amended to include setting goals and priorities for Kansas prairie and grassland resources and all of Kansas forest lands, that the preliminary hearing report date be changed to on or before May 1, 2003, that the final report date be changed to on or before December 1, 2003, and that the act's expiration date in section 4 be changed to January 1, 2004. (Attachment 1).

The second conferee and proponent was Laura Kelly (Kansas Recreation & Parks Association) who provided brief comments in favor of the bill.

The third conferee and proponent was Michael Hayden (Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks). Due to time constraints, the power point presentation was not presented, just testimony (Attachment 2).

The fourth conferee and proponent was Al LeDoux (Director, Kansas Water Office) (Attachment 3).

Bob Atchison (Forester for the State of Kansas) testified in lieu of the fifth conferee and proponent Ray Aslin (State Forester, Kansas Forest Service) (Attachment 4). He requested that this bill be amended from

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“public forest resources” to “forest resources”.

The sixth conferee and proponent was Alan Pollum (Vice President, Nature Conservancy) (Attachment 5).

The seventh conferee and proponent was Mike Beam (Kansas Livestock Association). He requested that the bill be amended so that a significant number of the appointed alliance members include active participants in production agriculture and that prairie and grassland resources be included as one of the natural resources studied by the alliance. (Attachment 6).

The eighth conferee and proponent was Leslie Kaufman (Associate Director, Public Policy Division, Kansas Farm Bureau). She requested that this bill be amended so that the word “voluntary” be included in Section 2, (a)(6) with the result that the sentence would read “expand voluntary public/private partnerships that support and implement the vision; and”. She would encourage the committee to ensure that the landowner representation on the proposed alliance is not just landowners, but individuals actively engaged in production agriculture. Due to the state’s current financial situation, she would question whether there is a real need to authorize the alliance to hire a staff member, as indicated in Section 3 (b). (Attachment 7).

Written testimony was provided by Ron Klataske (Executive Director, Audubon of Kansas, Inc.) (Attachment 8).

Opponents

Written testimony was presented by Dale E. Anderson (Executive Director, National Association of Reversionary) (Attachment 9) and (Founder & CEO, American Private Property Advocates) (Attachment 10).

Orville J. Cole testified that the real purpose of **HB 2471** is to gain control over the privately owned natural resources of Kansas, by government agencies, in violation of private property rights. (Attachment 11).

Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Tyson closed the hearing on **HB 2471**.

Discussion and action on HB 2680—Relating to violations of wildlife and parks laws

Senator Schmidt moved to amend **HB 2680** by adding a new section and language (Attachment 12) and to change the effective date upon publication in the Kansas Register. Seconded by Senator Corbin. Motion carried.

Senator Schmidt moved to pass **HB 2680** favorably as amended, seconded by Senator Lee. Motion carried.

Discussion and action on HB 2686—Concerning solid waste

Senator Schmidt explained the proposed amendment to this bill, which would create a 2-tiered system.

Senator Schmidt moved to amend **HB 2686** on page 3, in line 5, by striking “not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$4,000” and inserting “:(A) Not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$1,500 for any such disposal area which is a monofill for disposal of cement kiln dust from the manufacture of portland and masonry cement; and (B) not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$4,000 for any other such disposal areas”, seconded by Senator Umbarger. The motion failed.

Senator Schmidt moved to amend **HB 2686** on page 3, in line 5, by striking “not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$4,000” and inserting “: (A) Not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,500 for any such disposal area which is a monofill for disposal of cement kiln dust from the manufacture of portland and masonry cement; and (B) not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$4,000 for any other such disposal areas”. Seconded

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by Senator Umbarger. Motion carried.

Senator Lee moved to pass **HB 2686** favorably as amended. Senator Schmidt seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28 at 8:30 a.m.