

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE WILDLIFE, PARKS AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Myers at 3:30 P.M. on March 13, 2006 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Patricia Kilpatrick- excused
Representative L. Candy Ruff- excused
Representative Shari Weber- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes Office
Betty Caruthers, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Christopher Tymeson, KS Department of Wildlife & Parks
Nancy Gumb

Others attending:

See attached list.

Motion by Representative Long, seconded by Representative Treaster for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Wildlife, Parks & Tourism held on March 8, 2006 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers opened the hearing on **SB 417 - Imposing certain requirements for boating.**

Chairman Myers recognized Chris Tymeson who presented testimony as a proponent of **SB 417.** (Attachment 1) He noted that this bill was the same as what was passed out of this Committee last year with the exception of the change which the Senate made stating skiing would be prohibited from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. Other changes coming with the bill relate to boat livery, cargo, state of principle use, abandoned vessel, skier down flag, numbering, documented vessels, lighting and sound, and marine theft.

Chairman Myers recognized Nancy Gumb who presented testimony as a proponent of **SB 417.** (Attachment 2) Her thought is that the bill makes the boating laws easier to understand and that the use of the skier down flag when someone is in the water is beneficial.

There were no opponents to the bill.

Chairman Myers closed the hearing on **SB 417.**

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 4:10.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2006.