

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TOURISM AND PARKS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Hutchins at 3:30 p.m. on February 2, 2004 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson - excused
Representative Mary Kauffman - excused
Representative Margaret Long - excused
Representative Ed O'Malley - excused
Representative Candy Ruff - excused
Representative Scott Schwab - excused
Representative H. Jan Scoggins-Waite - excused
Representative Clark Shultz - excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lura Attig, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Governor Mike Hayden, Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Others attending:

See Attached List.

HB 2557 - Designating Menninger Memorial park as a state park

Proponents:

Governor Mike Hayden, Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Parks testified before the committee as a proponent of **HB 2557**. (Attachment 1).

Secretary Hayden indicated the proposed park, adjacent land, and the Governor's Mansion on a large map.

General questions were regarding an adjacent railroad, river access, impact on Department of Wildlife and Parks Budget, fees, security, private land owners and the possibility of part of the Oregon Trail being located on part of the property in question.

The railroad would be contacted to upgrade the crossing. Engineers are working on the feasibility of facilities and boat ramps. It would be a free "Day Use" park and most likely will not be self supporting. The park will be closed at night thus eliminating most security problems. Adjacent land owners have been contacted. The Department of Wildlife and Parks will do an evaluation to ascertain if the Oregon Trail does pass through the proposed park. It is anticipated that other parks will have to subsidize this park.

Opponents: none

Chairperson Hutchins adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2004.