

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 3:30 p.m. on February 10, 2010, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Johnson - Excused
Representative Light - Excused
Representative Palmer - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Pat Matzek, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

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

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Powell opened the meeting with the hearing on **HB 2611** - Disabled hunters' helpers may be within one mile of hunter.

Hearing on HB 2611:

OPPONENT:

Christopher Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, testified in opposition of **HB 2611** (Attachment 1), stating the bill seeks to amend a statute related to disability assistance permits and disabled hunters. Mr. Tymeson further commented that the main point of opposition to the bill is related to enforcement and the bill, in essence, would allow an unlicensed hunter in the field. If the issue is just merely to take game on behalf of another, then any person with the proper permits and licenses can take game and donate it to another person already. The purpose of this disability assistance permit is to allow the disabled person to participate in the process, while still taking game home.

After questions were asked by members of the Committee, the hearing was closed on **HB 2611**.

Chairman Powell continued the meeting with action on bills previously heard.

Action on HB 2566 - Food and drug inspection duties under the department of agriculture.

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave an explanation of **HB 2566**, commenting that the bill transfers authority from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment to the Secretary of Agriculture and in essence, it is a statutory cleanup bill.

Representative Fund made a motion to move the bill out favorably. Representative Hayzlett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Svaty will carry the bill. Representative Fund will prepare the bill brief.

Action on HB 2606 - Tuttle Creek Dam river pond area, entrance to remain open.

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave an explanation of **HB 2606**, stating the bill concerns gate entrance to Tuttle Creek State Park river pond area, specifically addressing the issue of the west entrance.

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Committee members did not come to an agreement to move the bill out favorably.

Action on HB 2458 - Requiring archery permit holders to take a doe before a buck.

A balloon amendment dated February 8, 2010, was distributed on **HB 2458** (Attachment 2). Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, explained the changes outlined in the balloon, commenting the reference made to the current statute 32-932 concerning disabled hunters was unnecessary to amend and struck those references. The original language of requiring archery permit holders to take a doe before a buck has been stricken and replaced with reference to the crossbow deer season running concurrently and throughout the archery deer season.

Representative Wetta made a motion to adopt the balloon amendment. Representative Hineman seconded the motion. By majority vote of the Committee members the balloon amendment was not adopted. The bill was not moved out favorably.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.