

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:36 a.m. on March 18, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Christine Downey
Senator David Corbin
Senator Derek Schmidt
Senator Dwayne Umbarger
Senator Janis Lee
Senator Mark Taddiken
Senator Phil Journey
Senator Robert Tyson
Senator Tim Huelskamp

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Linda Bradley, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order.

Action on House Bill 2557 - Concerning state parks.

The Committee discussed **HB 2557**. Chairman Tyson stated he had some concerns about the name change, if the Menninger name was used would there be a problem with the people who purchased that name, and what would happen if they put it on t-shirts or signage of some type? Christopher Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks stated that the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Department would write a letter to Dr. Roy Menninger regarding this matter. Dr. Menninger did state he needed a letter. Was there a contract to donate property, tax benefits, feasibility study, donation of land will be a year from now and the need for **HB 2557** to go through to show our commitment to the Menninger Foundation.

Chairman Tyson asked if there were discussion from the Committee on **HB 2577**. Senators Lee, Journey, Schmidt, Umbarger, Downey, Huelskamp, Corbin, Taddiken and Tyson had various questions and statements such as leave the name of the state park as Menninger Memorial Free State state park in Shawnee county, leave as Free State state park, how will park and green spaces to be funded, this is the first free state park in Kansas.

Senator Umbarger made a motion to amend the bill to the original language showing change from Free State Park to Menninger Memorial Free State state park. Senator Downey seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Senator Umbarger made a motion to amend the bill to review statutes by Natural Resource Committee and House Environment Committee of contract of March 1, 2005 as to the provisions of contracts and laws of park, terms and conditions. Senator Taddiken seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to pass out the bill as amended and Senator Umbarger seconded the motion. The motion carried and was passed out of Committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Action on House Bill 2573 - Concerning wildlife and parks; relating to requirements for persons designated to assist disabled licensees.

A proposed amended for **HB 2573** was given to the Committee by Lisa Montgomery, Staff, which stated that on page 1, in line 33, after the period, by inserting: The permitholder shall accompany into the field and be in close proximity to the person designated by the permitholder. The person designated by the permitholder shall not have a fishing, hunting or furharvesting license suspended, restricted or revoked during the time such person is aiding the permitholder.

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

Senator Lee made a motion to pass out the bill as amended and Senator Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried and was passed out of the Committee.

Action on House Bill 2604 - Concerning watercraft, relating to dealers, requiring licensing; providing for dealer certificates of number.

Chairman Tyson asked if there were discussion on **HB 2604**. Senator Lee asked for an amendment that on Page 4, Line 42 of the bill to add sales taxes, also. A report would be made quarterly instead of monthly and the Department of Wildlife and Parks would share information with the Department of Revenue. A motion was made by Senator Lee to adopt the amendment and Senator Umbarger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A technical amendment was brought forth by Raney Gilliland, Staff, concerning Page 2, Line 30 and 31, to say certificate of number rather than registration. Senator Taddiken made a motion to adopt the amendment and Senator Umbarger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Huelskamp asked for an amendment on Page 5, Line 16, 17, and 18 to show the spouse of a dealer should use only for business purposes. Senator Huelskamp made a motion to adopt the amendment and Senator Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Tyson asked if the Committee wanted to pass **HB 2604** out favorably. Senator Umbarger made a motion to pass out the bill as amended and Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion and the motion carried and was passed out.

Review of Minutes

Senator Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of March 11 and 12. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be Friday, March 19, 2004.