

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE WILDLIFE, PARKS, & TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Myers at 3:30 P.M. on January 31, 2005 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

John Grange- excused
Broderick Henderson- excused
Patricia Kilpatrick- excused
Margaret Long- excused
L. Candy Ruff- excused
Clark Shultz- excused
Dale Swenson- excused
Mark Treaster- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Aller, Kansas Outfitter's Association
Christopher Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks
Ron Klataske, Flint Hills Tall Grass Prairie Heritage Foundation

Others attending:

See attached list.

Moved by Representative Flaharty, seconded by Representative Oharah for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism held on January 26, 2005 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers announced that on Monday, February 7, Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel with Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, will be giving a briefing on the potential for reconstruction and/or simplification of deer management statutes.

Hearings on **HB 2115 - Repeals the archery management units for deer**, were opened.

Chairman Myers recognized Chris Tymeson requesting that he give a brief overview of **HB 2115**.

Chairman Myers called for Opponents to **HB 2115**.

Chairman Myers recognized Jim Aller, Kansas Outfitter's Association. On behalf of the Kansas Outfitter's Association and the Kansas Bowhunter's Association Mr. Aller is suggesting changes in the language of **HB 2115**. (Attachment 1)

1. The resident bowhunter shall select a "prime unit" to hunt in the State of Kansas and then be allowed to hunt all "units" with unlimited permits.
2. The non-resident bowhunter that participates in the Kansas draw shall select a "prime unit" when applying for a Kansas tag and then be bound by that unit when hunting in the State of Kansas.

Chairman Myers requested that Chris Tymeson speak to questions regarding the legality of these issues. Mr. Tymeson recommended equality and fairness for both resident and non-resident bowhunters.

Chairman Myers presented the fiscal note cost of \$7,617 in expenditures which reportedly would be eliminated if **HB 2115** were enacted. There would be other costs involved if **HB 2115** is enacted.

Chris Tymeson shared names of those serving on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Commission.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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This Commission is in support of **HB 2115**.

Chairman Myers recognized Ron Klataske, a land owner to testify in opposition to **HB 2115**. Mr. Klataske believes that non-resident transferrable permits should be restricted to the land where the landowner gets them and that the more local you can make transferrable permits the better.

Hearings for opponents to **HB 2115** were closed.

Chairman Myers recognized Ron Klataske for a bill introduction.

Mr. Klataske, on behalf of the Flint Hills Tall Grass Prairie Heritage Foundation, requested the introduction of a committee bill to establish minimal siting standards for permit operating industrial windpower electric generation facilities in Kansas.

Representative Morrison moved for the introduction of this bill by the committee. Seconded by Representative Weber. Motion carried.

Mr. Klataske requested that the Committee develop a resolution asking the Kansas Congressional Delegation to consider sponsorship of a Flint Hills Natural Heritage Area Designation.

Representative Flaharty moved for the introduction of this resolution. Seconded by Representative Morrison. Motion carried.

Chairman Myers adjourned the Committee at 5:00.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 2.