

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 February 9, 2005 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Patricia Kilpatrick- excused
Representative L. Candy Ruff- excused
Representative Clark Shultz- 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:

Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration
Chris Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks
Dan Ward, Kansas Wildlife Federation
Jim Call, Kansas Outfitter's
Kevin Graham, Attorney General's Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

Moved by Representative Long, seconded by Representative Oharah for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Wildlife, Parks and Tourism held on February 7, 2005 be approved.

Motion carried.

Hearings on **HB 2117 - Boating; requirements; penalties**, were opened.

Chairman Myers recognized Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration who presented informational testimony regarding section 15 of **HB 2117** regarding fees from boating violations going to the State Treasurer and how they are then credited to various funds. (Attachment 1) Presented an estimate percentage of funds which would be credited to the boating fees fund.

Chairman Myers questioned the need for an amendment with a specific percentage in order to work the bill. Kathy Porter and Chris Tymeson set the percentage of 0.17%.

Representative Mah questioned the fact that there were no opponents testifying on **HB 2117**, and wanted to be sure that the word had gotten out about the hearings. It was noted that the same procedures were utilized as with any other bill.

Hearings on **HB 2117** were closed.

Working **HB 2117**.

Representative Flaharty moved to accept the amendment of 0.17% as presented by Kathy Porter and that the Revisor be able to make appropriate changes to implement it. Seconded by Representative Long.

Chairman Myers requested that the Revisor work on an amendment to then be brought back to the Committee to be worked on February 14.

Representative Flaharty withdrew her motion and Representative Long withdrew the second.

Motion withdrawn.

Chairman Myers recognized Lisa Montgomery for a Briefing on **HB 2253**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Committee at 3:30 P.M. on February 9, 2005 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

Hearings for proponents on **HB 2253 - Imposes minimum fines and jail times for certain wildlife** were opened.

Chairman Myers recognized Chris Tymeson testifying in support of **HB 2253**. (Attachment 2) Following the testimony Chairman Myers requested that Mr. Tymeson work with the Revisor to come up with amendments to **HB 2253** for Monday, February 14.

Chairman Myers recognized Dan Ward presenting testimony in support of **HB 2253**, specifically from the perspective of hunting and fishing to reform how diversions work. Letters of support were also included from Ralph Goodwin, President, Kansas State Rifle Association, and Shawn Harding, Kansas Bowhunters Association. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Myers recognized Jim Call who testified in favor of **HB 2253** and the need to rid Kansas of illegal practices with Wildlife. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Myers asked Kevin Graham to stand for questions with regards to his submitted written testimony as a proponent of **HB 2253**. (Attachment 5)

Hearings for proponents on **HB 2253** were closed.

Chairman Myers announced that the Committee would work both **HB 2117** and **HB 2253** on Monday, February 14.

Chairman Myers adjourned the Committee at 4:35.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 14.