

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:30 a.m. on February 4, 2002 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Corbin - excused

Committee staff present: Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Deborah McIntire, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

J. Michael Hayden, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks
Keith Sexson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks
Roger Wolfe of the Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson. Chairman Tyson announced that today's meeting is being held in lieu of the committee meeting scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2002 due to the inclement weather.

Senator Huelskamp moved that the minutes from the January 24 and January 25, 2002 meetings be approved. Senator Umbarger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The first conferee to appear before the committee was J. Michael Hayden (Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks) who presented a brief update of the department and a handout (Attachment 1). He introduced Keith Sexson (Assistant Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks) and Roger Wolfe (Department of Wildlife and Parks).

Keith Sexson provided an update on the Kansas Deer Management Program (Attachments 2 and 3). Discussion and questions followed. Senator Umbarger commended the department on its Deer Management Program. Senator Lee commended the department on the youth hunt for this year.

Roger Wolfe provided an update on the Walk-In Hunting Program and the Kansas Buffer Partnership for Clean Water (Attachments 3 and 4). A booklet was distributed titled *Kansas Walk-In Hunting Area Atlas 2001* (on file with Legislative Research Department). As there was not enough time to complete his report, Chairman Tyson requested that he return at a later date to do so.

The subcommittee report on **HB 2471** was postponed to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7 at 8:30 a.m.