

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Corbin at 7:45 a.m. on February 23, 2000 in 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Steve Williams, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Corbin referred back to the subcommittee report on **SB 388—enacting the Kansas Water Banking Act**. He said a motion was in order to adopt the report. Senator Tyson moved to adopted the subcommittee report and the numerous amendments recommended in the report. Senator Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Huelskamp made a motion to amend the bill on “page 2, line 13”, by striking “leased”, and inserting “deposited”. The motion was seconded by Senator Vratil. The motion carried.

Senator Vratil moved **SB 388** as amended be reported favorable for passage. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A balloon copy of **SB 518** was distributed (Attachment 1). Senator Tyson was called on to explain the amendments. Senator Tyson said he thought **SB 518** would allow landowners to receive some compensation for the damage done on their property by the deer, and for providing habitat, food and caring for the deer population on their land. He said if something was not done to alleviate the over population of deer and if landowners do not receive some financial compensation hunters may have more trouble in the future finding landowners who will allow hunting on their land. Secretary Williams responded to questions.

Several members of the committee expressed concern with the bill as major changes would be made in the deer hunter statutes. Another concern was that it could be unconstitutional to band out of state guides. Support was expressed that **SB 568** that was heard on February 22 be passed.

Senator Pugh moved the amendments as printed in the balloon be adopted. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Tyson moved that the **SB 518** as amended be passed. Senator Pugh seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Committee discussion was opened on **SB 568**. A balloon copy of the bill was distributed. Secretary Williams said the balloon had been submitted by Wildlife and Parks. The amendment would allow unlimited number of permits for antlerless deer; it would establish a toll-free telephone number for landowners and tenants to report property damage caused by deer or to receive other information; it also would have the secretary publish in publications in areas experiencing high deer populations information regarding big game control permits and programs that assist in reduction of high local deer populations; and finally a New Sec 3. that Wildlife and Parks

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and the Department of Transportation shall cooperate in developing a management plan to address reduction of motor vehicle accidents involving deer in areas of the state experiencing high numbers of such accidents, and the joint report of these two agencies shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the House Environment Committee and the governor on or before February 1, 2000 (Attachment 2).

Senator Vratil recommended on page 3 the departments amendment should have "which" inserted after the "and". The committee discussed the recommendation that Senator Umbarger suggested when he testified.

Senator Tyson moved that the additional revenue generated by increasing out of state hunter permits by 5% be designated to the walk on program. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion. Secretary Williams responded to questions concerning the amendment. Motion carried.

Senator Morris moved to adopted the amendments suggested by Wildlife and Parks in their balloon along with Senator Vratil's recommendation on page "3". Senator Vratil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Morris then moved that **SB 568** as amended be passed. Senator Vratil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on March 1, 2000.