

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carolyn McGinn at 8:30 a.m. on February 20, 2007, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Tim Huelskamp- excused

Committee staff present:
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Judy Holliday, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman McGinn called the Committee's attention to the revised agenda and that CREP had been taken off because the Committee had not met before Senator Huelskamp left town. She told the group that once the Subcommittee had met the CREP issue would be brought back to the full body for discussion probably sometime next week.

Chairman McGinn opened discussion on **SB 266, Big game and wild turkey permits**. Senator Janis Lee expressed concerns about the bill in its current form. Senator Lee proposed a Substitute for Senate Bill 266 which would reinstate the current law and which would allow Wildlife and Parks to come back next year with a more appropriate bill. Chairman McGinn gave Committee members a few minutes to look over the proposed **Substitute for SB 266**.

Chairman McGinn told the Committee that she had received a fax from an individual in Western Kansas who voiced concerns about the bill. Several Committee members questioned Christopher Tymeson of Wildlife and Parks about the Department's approach in taking into account concerns from people who attended the statewide meetings on **SB 266**. Senator Ostmeyer stated that what he was hearing from constituents made him think that this was not the way to go with this bill. Mr. Tymeson responded that the Department brought back comments from all 16 of the meetings across the state and took them into consideration when formulating the bill.

Senator Ostmeyer made a motion to accept Senator Lee's **Substitute for SB 266** as presented, seconded by Senator Taddiken. The motion carried.

Further discussion of the proposed bill continued regarding the sunset provision, the 50% figure used in the bill regarding permitting in certain regions, and the time allocated to the Department of Wildlife and Parks for submitting a bill that would be more fair.

Senator Taddiken made a motion to pass **Substitute for SB 266** out favorably, seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. The motion passed, with one dissenting vote by Senator Francisco.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.