

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 March 14, 2005 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Margaret Long- excused  
Representative Lynne Oharah- excused  
Representative L. Candy Ruff- excused  
Representative Clark Shultz- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Christopher Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Myers requested a motion on the Committee Minutes. Moved by Representative Beamer, seconded by Representative Treaster for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Wildlife, Parks and Tourism held on March 9, 2005.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers opened debate for working of **SB 59 - Creates the wildlife violators compact.**

Representative Flaharty moved that SB 59 be passed favorably, seconded by Representative Beamer.

Chairman Myers recognized Chris Tymeson who gave a briefing of the bill. At the present time there are 19 states which are members of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Passage of this legislation will:

1. Prohibit people convicted of serious wildlife violations in other compact member states from acquiring licenses or permits in Kansas.
2. Provide a means for law enforcement officers to carry out their duties without unduly detaining people who have committed less serious violations.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers opened hearing on **SB 194 - Commission permits for big game only available to non-profit organizations that actively promote wildlife conservation.**

Chairman Myers recognized Revisor, Lisa Montgomery to give a summary of the bill. Senate Committee voted to change name from commissioner permits to commission permits. Permits will be made available to non-profit organizations that actively promote wildlife conservation and the hunting and fishing heritage.

Chairman Myers recognized Chris Tymeson to testify as a proponent on **SB 194. (Attachment 1)** Provisions in this bill would take effect July 1, 2005 if passed. There would be only 7 permits issued yearly, 1 for elk or antelope and the remainder for deer. Organizations would submit an application and go through a random drawing. If drawn, that organization would no longer be eligible for a three year period.

Representative Morrison moved to table the bill, seconded by Representative Weber.

Motion failed.

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Representative Grange moved to pass favorably **SB 194**, seconded by Representative Swenson.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers stated that Representative Holmes will carry **SB 59** and Representative Grange will carry **SB 194**.

Chairman Myers adjourned the Committee at 4:15.