

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carol E. Beggs at 3:37 p.m. on February 12, 2001 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Ethel Peterson - excused

Committee staff present: Renae Jefferies - Advisor
Hank Avila - Research
Russell Mills - Research
Carol Doel - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ken Corbet - Ravenwood Lodge
Chad Luce - Kansas Department of Wild Life & Parks

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Beggs called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. on February 12, 2001. The minutes of February 5th and February 7th were distributed for approval. The minutes of February 7th were approved as read and the minutes of February 5th were approved with the amendment that Representative McClure made the following motion seconded by Representative Aday: *To change the language of **HB 2098** page 6, line 38 to read: "Commercial basis" means that the recipient of the services agrees to provide valuable consideration as compensation for the guide services and the services are provided as part of a business relationship.* Representative Campbell made the motion that the minutes be approved as amended. Representative Osborne seconded the motion.

HCR 5011 Memorializing congress to provide health care for retired military personnel

This was on the agenda to be heard, however, the conferees were unable to be present until February 19, 2001.

HB 2347 Hunting license not required to hunt on controlled shooting area.

Mr. Ken Corbet of Ravenwood Lodge addressed the committee as a proponent of the bill. He is asking to have the hunting license eliminated for controlled shooting areas. These facilities are already licensed through Wild Life and Parks. To his knowledge they are the only business licensed to do business in Kansas where the clients have to buy a license to do business with them. (Attachment 1)

Chad Luce of the Department of Wild Life and Parks came before the committee as an opponent of the bill. One of the reasons for opposing this bill is that the user fees comprise nearly 100% funding for fish and wildlife programs. Removing this controlled shooting area requirement would reduce department revenue by \$81,594. Another opposition is that the controlled shooting areas already enjoy many benefits such as hunting from September 1 through March 31, may harvest hen pheasants, are not required to complete a certified hunter education course, and may purchase a special license at a reduced fee regardless of residency. (Attachment 2)

Discussion was held on the bill following the testimonies with questions being answered by Mr. Corbet and Mr. Luce.

No action was taken on the bill.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 14, 2001 with a hearing on **HB 2414** *Kansas tourism advertising fund* and **HB 2098** *Commercial guide services; permits requirements; reports of dispositions of prosecutions re-referred on General Orders*

Chairman Beggs adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.