

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 January 18, 2005 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Patricia Kilpatrick- excused
Representative L. Candy Ruff- excused
Representative Dale Swenson- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Christopher Tymeson, KS Dept. Of Wildlife & Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order and welcomed back same committee members as last year. Committee has two carry over bills from last year and one new one so far.

Chairman Myers recognized Christopher Tymeson from the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks asking him to give a brief summary of what he will be briefing the committee on during our meeting of February 1. Mr. Tymeson reported that there has been an internal deer committee made up of ten individuals in the department reviewing the statutes. They plan to present their findings to this committee on February 1 along with the use of power point. The following day they plan to give a similar briefing to the Senate Natural Resources Committee. The plan is then to hold 20 to 25 public meetings across the state over the next year gaining input. Following those meetings they are hopeful of coming up with some statutory simplification regarding deer management.

Chairman Myers asked if there were any bill introductions and announced that February 8 would be the last day for individual bill introductions. There were no bill introductions.

Chairman Myers announced that on January 25 the committee would hold a hearing on **HB2210 - Exemption from hunter safety education requirements for certain current or former members of armed forces**. On January 30 the committee will hear a presentation by Ms. Becky Blake, Director of Tourism.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 3:55.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23.