

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 7, 2005 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson- excused
Representative Margaret Long- excused
Representative L. Candy Ruff- excused
Representative Clark Shultz- 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:

Whitney Damron, Flint Oak LCC and Kansas Sport Hunting Association
Chris Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Moved by Representative Oharah, seconded by Representative Morrison for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Wildlife, Parks and Tourism held on March 2, 2005 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers opened hearings on **SB 98 - Hunter education not required for special controlled shooting area hunting licenses.**

Chairman Myers recognized Revisor, Lisa Montgomery to give an overview of **SB 98**. Lisa stated that prior to the noted date no hunter education course was required whereas after the date it is. By striking the date nobody would need the hunter education course for a controlled shooting area hunting license.

Chairman Myers recognized Whitney Damron to testify as a proponent of the bill. (Attachment 1) Hunter safety is stressed at the sport hunting facilities. At times there are guides and small hunting groups to assist with safety issues.

Chairman Myers recognized Chris Tymeson who stated that the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks is not opposed to this bill. They have not seen any prevalence of accidents in controlled shooting areas after tracking. (Attachment 2)

Hearings on **SB 98** were closed.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any Committee opposition to final action on **SB 98**. Representative Hayzlett moved that SB 98 be passed favorably. Representative Grange seconded. Representative Flaharty asked about the possibility of putting this bill on the Consent Calendar. Representative Hazlett and Representative Grange withdrew their motion and second.

Representative Hayzlett moved that SB 98 be passed and asked that it be put on the Consent Calendar. This was seconded by Representative Grange.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers adjourned the Committee at 3:50.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 9.