

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carolyn McGinn at 8:30 a.m. on March 6, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Carolyn McGinn- excused

Committee staff present:
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes
Matt Todd, Revisor of Statutes
Adrienne Halpin, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
John Peterson, Anheuser Busch
Chris Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wild Life and Parks
Karl Mueldener, Kansas Department of Health

Others attending:
See attached list.

Vice Chairman Ostmeyer commenced the meeting by opening the hearing on **HB 2692**, including stainless steel as a regulated scrap metal.

Raney Gilliland gave an explanation of the bill stating that it would add stainless steel to the metals listed as “regulated scrap metal” in K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 50-6,109. Issues involved include record maintenance of sales for scrap metal dealers.

John Peterson, Anheuser Busch, testified in support of **HB 2692** (Attachment 1). Mr. Peterson stated that the bill adds stainless steel to the original statute and that its addition to written records would help curb the theft of stainless steel containers.

Senator Taddiken stated that similar legislation was being passed in the neighboring states of Nebraska, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Because of a constituent’s concern, Senator Wysong asked if there are any known loopholes in the current legislation. The consensus was that there were none.

Vice Chairman Ostmeyer closed the hearing on **HB 2692** and opened the hearing on **HB 2748**, tagging of big game and wild turkey.

Chris Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wild Life and Parks (KDWP), testified in favor of the bill (Attachment 2). KDWP requested the introduction of the bill which seeks to amend two statutes concerning wild turkeys. The bill gives the Secretary of KDWP the authority to determine tagging procedures for wild turkeys and gives the KDWP the future option of transitioning to a tagless season. Mr. Tymeson stood for questions during which time Jim Pitman, Small Game Coordinator, KDWP, also commented.

Vice Chairman Ostmeyer requested that the Committee review the written testimony from Steve Swaffar, Kansas Farm Bureau (Attachment 3) and closed the hearing on **HB 2692**. He then opened the hearing on **HB 2892**, rules and regulations for underground crude oil storage.

Karl Mueldener, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Bureau of Water testified in support of **HB 2892** which would allow the Secretary of KDHE to adopt rules and regulations for the underground storage of crude oil as well as to appoint an advisory committee to aid in the process (Attachment 4). Although existing legislation addresses the storage of higher pressure products—such as propane—crude oil has not yet been addressed. Mr Mueldener stood for questions during which time Senator Huelskamp requested that the Committee speak with the party who originally introduced the bill.

Vice Chair Ostmeyer closed the hearing on **HB 2892**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Bruce motioned to place **HB 2692** on the consent calendar, seconded by Senator Francisco. The motioned passed.

Senator Wysong motioned to pass **HB 2748** favorably out of Committee, seconded by Senator Francisco. The motion carried.

The Committee agreed to wait to address **HB 2892** until they could speak with the party who had introduced it.

Vice Chairman Ostmeyer announced the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.