

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Corbin at 8:00 a.m. on March 16, 2000 in 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Pugh who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Clint Riley, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Ron King, Lil' Toledo Lodge, Chanute, KS
George Peterson, Instructor, Kansas Hunters Education Association
Ray Walton, Hint Oak Ranch, Fall River, KS
Ron Thomas, Concordia, KS
Dustin, Thomas, Concordia, KS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Margaret Fast, Kansas Water Office, submitted a memo with their thoughts for consideration regarding **SB 625** ([Attachment 1](#)).

The hearing was opened on **HB 2103**—it would more clearly define the requirements for purchase of a Kansas Hunting License; **HB 2727**—Deer firearm permits and wild turkey archery permits for persons 12 and 13 years of age; and **HB 2762**—inspections of controlled shooting areas.

Keith W. Houghton, President, Ringneck Ranch, Inc., written testimony was distributed supporting the bills. ([Attachment 2](#)).

Kenneth L. Corbett, Ravenwood Lodge, Topeka, KS, submitted written testimony supporting **HB 2762** ([Attachment 3](#)).

Clint Riley, Department of Wildlife and Parks, supported **HB 2103** as it would more clearly define the requirements for purchase of a Kansas hunting license; the department supported **HB 2727**; and finally Mr. Riley said they supported **HB 2762** as originally was introduced, but they opposed the amendments added by the House Committee as a Whole, and therefore opposed the bill in its current form ([Attachment 4](#)). Mr. Riley responded to several questions

Ron King, Lil' Toledo Lodge, Chanute, KS, assured the committee that 4 hours of hands on training is sufficient for properly instructing hunters on controlled shooting areas in the necessary skills for gun handling, hunting ethics and other safety procedures ([Attachment 5](#)). Responding to a question, Mr. King said he thought all hunters should have some hands on training.

Ray Walton, Flint Oak Hunting Preserve, Fall River, KS., supported **HB 2762**, most people who hunt on a preserve are hunters that have a hunting license from their state or county of residence, and most are from out of state. He thought private hunting preserve need to be accountability, responsibility and liability for conducting a safe hunt ([Attachment 6](#)). Mr. Walton responded to several questions regarding the economic development associated with hunting preserves.

Ron Thomas, Concordia, KS, supported **HB 2727**. He told the committee he and his son Dustin started the proceedings to have this bill introduced. His testimony contains a portion of his letter that they submitted to Rep. Freeborn, Senator Hardenburger, and Wild Life and Parks back in September 1999 ([Attachment 7](#)).

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Dustin Thomas, Condordia, KS, said he was disappointed when he was 12 years old to find out he could not go turkey hunting with his dad. If the law allows for 12 and 13 year olds to hunt deer with a bow it should allow them to hunt turkey (Attachment 8). He asked the committee to pass the bill.

George Peterson, Kansas Hunter Education Instructors Association, opposed **HB 2762** as instructor of the Hunters Ed program since 1973 he thought it was important to continue to show the hunters ed card and not be allowed to attest, but if attesting is allowed there should be heavy penalties imposed for anyone attesting to false information. He also expressed concerns with the amendment put on in the House Committee as a Whole (Attachment 9).

Kevin Couillard, former director, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Wichita, KS, submitted written testimony suggesting the person in the position to certify whether an individual is qualified to hunter on a controlled shooting area is the proprietor. They should be responsible for the safety of their employees and guest. His testimony offered an amendment to allow: "a person who owners a licensed controlled shooting area to certify hunter education in conjunction with the special controlled shooting area license which is only valid while participating in a hunt on the private lands within that controlled shooting area" (Attachment 10).

Mark Gaunt, Topeka, Instructor, Kansas Hunters Education Association, was scheduled as a conferee to oppose **HB 2762** but the time expired.

The hearing was closed on all three bills.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2000.