Approved: March 20, 2007 Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 1:30 P.M. on March 8, 2007 in Room 235-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Carl Holmes- excused Jason Watkins- excused Sharon Schwartz- excused Sydney Carlin- excused

Committee staff present: Julian Efrid, Kansas Legislative Research Department Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes Lura Attig, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Chris Tymeson - Chief Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks

Others attending: See attached list.

<u>Hearing on: SB 157 - Requiring the department of wildlife and parks to purchase vessel liability</u> <u>insurance.</u>

Chris Tymeson - Chief Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks appeared as a proponent on behalf of the Department (<u>Attachment 1</u>). Current statutes require the Department to carry vessel liability insurance. The current motor vehicle liability insurance policy does not cover vessels owned and operated by the Department. The Department feels it is necessary to purchase vessel liability insurance for the protection of the public and Department employees.

Rep. Aurand moved to pass SB 157 and asked that it be placed on the consent calendar. Seconded by Rep. Vaughn Flora. Motion carried.

Chairman Powell adjourned the meeting at 2:15 P.M.