

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2156** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed as Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2156, as follows:

On page 1, by striking all in lines 6 through 36;

By striking all on pages 2 through 6;

On page 7, by striking all in lines 1 through 13 and inserting the following:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 32-960a is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-960a. (a) On or before January 1, 1998, the secretary shall adopt, in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, rules and regulations establishing procedures for developing and implementing recovery plans for all species listed as in need of conservation, threatened or endangered. The secretary shall give priority to development of recovery plans for particular species based on a cumulative assessment of the scientific evidence available. Based on the priority ranking, the secretary shall develop and begin implementation of recovery plans for at least two listed species on or before January 1, 1999.

(b) Whenever a species is added to the list of threatened or endangered species, the secretary shall establish a volunteer local advisory committee composed of members broadly representative of the area affected by the addition of the species to the list. Members shall include representatives of specialists from academic institutions, agribusiness and other trade organizations, state environmental and conservation organizations and other interested

organizations and individuals. In addition, the membership shall include, if appropriate, landowners and public officials representing state, local and tribal governments. To the maximum extent possible, committee membership shall evenly balance the interests of all potentially affected groups and institutions.

(c) The advisory committee shall: (1) Work with the secretary to adapt the listing of the species and the recovery plan for the species to the social and economic conditions of the affected area; and (2) disseminate information to the public about the scientific basis of the decision to list the species, the regulatory process and incentives available to landowners pursuant to this act.

(d) If a species in need of conservation receives a priority ranking to develop and begin implementation of a recovery plan, the secretary shall establish a volunteer local advisory committee in the same manner as provided by subsection (b) to work with the secretary to adapt the recovery plan and disseminate information to the public.

(e) In implementing a recovery plan for a species, the secretary shall consider any data, recommendations and information provided by the advisory committee.

(f) The secretary shall cause each developed and implemented recovery plan to be published and maintained on the official website of the department of wildlife, parks and tourism.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 32-961 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-961. (a) Whenever any species is listed as a threatened species pursuant to K.S.A. 32-960, and amendments thereto, the secretary shall adopt such rules and regulations pursuant to K.S.A. 32-963, and amendments thereto, as the secretary deems necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of such

species. By rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 32-963, and amendments thereto, the secretary may prohibit with respect to any threatened species included in a list adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 32-960, and amendments thereto, except as provided in subsection (c), any act which is prohibited under subsection (b) ~~with respect to any endangered species included in a list adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 32-960.~~

(b) Except as otherwise specifically provided by this section or rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section, a special permit is required for any person subject to the jurisdiction of this state to:

(1) Export from this state any endangered species included in a list adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 32-960, and amendments thereto;

(2) possess, process, sell, offer for sale, deliver, carry, transport or ship, by any means whatsoever, any such endangered species; or

(3) act in a manner contrary to any rule and regulation adopted by the secretary pursuant to authority provided by K.S.A. 32-957 through 32-963 and 32-1009 through 32-1012, and amendments thereto, which pertains to such endangered species or to any threatened species of wildlife included in a list adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 32-960, and amendments thereto.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b)(3) shall not apply to:

(1) Normal farming and ranching practices, including government cost-shared agriculture land treatment measures, unless a permit is required by another state or federal agency or such practices involve an intentional taking of a threatened species under K.S.A. 32-1010, and amendments thereto, or involve an intentional taking of an endangered species under K.S.A. 32-1011, and amendments thereto;

(2) development of residential and commercial property on privately owned property financed with private, nonpublic funds unless a permit is required by another state or federal agency or the development involves an intentional taking of a threatened species under K.S.A. 32-1010, and amendments thereto, or involves an intentional taking of an endangered species under K.S.A. 32-1011, and amendments thereto; or

(3) activities for which a person has obtained a scientific, educational or exhibition permit, as provided by K.S.A. 32-952, and amendments thereto.

(d) For the purposes of this section, a permit required by another state or federal agency shall not include a certification or registration.

(e) Subsection (b) does shall not apply to any endangered species listed pursuant to K.S.A. 32-960, and amendments thereto, and any species of wildlife determined to be an endangered species pursuant to Pub. L. 93-205 (December 28, 1973), the endangered species act of 1973, and amendments thereto, entering the state from another state or from a point outside the territorial limits of the United States and being transported to a point within or beyond the state in accordance with the terms of any federal permit or permit issued under the laws or regulations of another state.

~~(d)~~ (f) The secretary may issue special permits to authorize, under such terms and conditions as the secretary prescribes, any act described in subsection (b) or any act which is otherwise prohibited by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a), for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Application for such permit shall be made to the secretary or the secretary's designee and shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed pursuant to K.S.A. 32-988, and amendments thereto. The secretary shall maintain

a list of permit applications under this subsection. Where such applications have been approved and special permits have been issued, the secretary shall maintain a list of such permits, including therein the name and address of the permittee and the terms and conditions prescribed for each such permit. The secretary shall keep such lists current and shall file copies thereof, along with any additions or amendments, with the secretary of the interior of the federal government.

~~(e)-(g)~~ Threatened or endangered species included in a list adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 32-960, and amendments thereto, may be captured or destroyed without a permit by any person in an emergency situation involving an immediate and demonstrable threat to human life.

(h) (1) For all new species listed as endangered or threatened by the secretary pursuant to this act on and after July 1, 2016, recovery plans for such species shall be completed within four years after the species is listed. If such recovery plan is not completed within four years, no permit shall be required by the secretary for any activity that would otherwise require a permit pursuant to this act until the recovery plan is complete. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any species listed as endangered or threatened under the endangered species act of 1973 (Pub. L. No. 93-205).

(2) The secretary shall annually submit a report on all species listed as endangered or threatened as of June 30, 2016, to the senate committee on natural resources and the house committee on agriculture and natural resources. Such report shall include:

(A) The status of species with a completed recovery plan;

(B) the status of species with a recovery plan currently in process, but not yet complete;

and

(C) future goals for completing recovery plans for any listed species that does not yet have a recovery plan.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 32-960a and 32-961 are hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; by striking line 2; in line 3, by striking "303b" and inserting "wildlife, parks and tourism; relating to the nongame and endangered species act; amending K.S.A. 32-960a and 32-961";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

Conferees on part of Senate

Conferees on part of House