

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:37 a.m. on January 29, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

### Members present:

Senator Christine Downey  
Senator David Corbin  
Senator Dwayne Umbarger  
Senator Janis Lee  
Senator Mark Taddiken  
Senator Phil Journey  
Senator Robert Tyson  
Senator Tim Huelskamp

### Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Linda Bradley, Committee Secretary

### Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chris Tymeson, Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks  
Spencer Tomb, Past President of the Kansas Wildlife Federation

### Others attending:

See Attached List.

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Chairman Tyson asked for the minutes of January 22 and January 24 be approved.

Senator Corbin made a motion to approved the minutes and Senator Downey seconded the motion. The motioned carried.

Minutes from January 22 and 24 were reviewed and approved.

### **Hearing on Senate Bill 363**

The first proponent to appear before the Committee was Christopher J. Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, who stated **SB 363** would authorize the Department to conduct shortened education courses for nonresidents that would only be valid through January 31 of the calendar year following the taking of the course and in addition, removes restrictions on youths pertaining to hunter education requirements. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Tyson asked if there were any questions. Senators Huelskamp, Tyson, Lee and Taddiken asked various questions regarding hunting cards, being over the age of 18 to be responsible hunting and adults being with youths when hunting and courses on-line to test on control shooting areas.

The second proponent, Whitney Damron, Kansas Sport Hunting Association presented written testimony. (Attachment 2)

### **Hearing on Senate Bill 364**

The first proponent to appear before the Committee was Christopher J. Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, who stated **SB 364** would authorize the issuance of Wildlife and Parks Commissioner permits, allow for the re-issuance of limited draw big game permits to military personnel forced to forfeit permits in time of armed conflict or war and remove wild turkeys from the big game designation. The provisions related to wild turkeys would not take effect until January 1, 2005 and all other provisions would become effective upon publication in the Kansas Register. (Attachment 3)

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE at 8:30 a.m. on January 29, 2004 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Tyson asked if there were any questions. Senators Lee, Huelskamp, Taddiken and Downey ask questions concerning turkeys being regulated the same as pheasants, transferrable permits and the season of the year to hunt turkeys.

The second proponent, Whitney Damron, Kansas Sport Hunting Association presented written testimony. (See Attachment 2, Page 2) of his testimony presented above at **SB 363**.

The third proponent, Tony DeRossett, Kansas State Director for Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry presented written testimony. (Attachment 4)

The first neutral conferee to appear before the Committee was Spencer Tomb, Past President of the Kansas Wildlife Federation, who stated we support the concept of this bill and hope that it can be modified and passed. The bill creates a "Commissioner's Permit that can be used for fund raising by the conservation organizations that are of a like mind with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. It also removes the wild turkey from the list of big game species. (Attachment 5)

The Chairman thanked the conferees for their presentations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be Friday, January 30, 2004.