

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 3:30 p.m. on January 29, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Bill Light - excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Pat Matzek, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jordan Austin, Kansas State Liaison, National Rifle Association
Tom Krebs, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards
Sue Storm, Legislative Coordinator, State Board of Education
Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introduction:

Thomas Day, Legislative Liaison, Kansas Corporation Commission, (Attachment 1) spoke on a proposal to amend KSA 55-165 dealing with maintenance or information on wells. The proposed language would require operators to place identification on every well. Representative Johnson made motion to introduce the bill. Representative Hineman seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

No questions were asked or comments made.

Hearing on:

HB 2049 - Hunter safety orientation programs in schools.

Proponent:

Jordan Austin, Kansas State Liaison, National Rifle Association, (Attachment 2) presented testimony in support of **HB 2049** that this legislation requires Hunter Education be offered as a two-week elective course, not mandatory, in grades 6-12, at no cost to the state.

Questions were asked and comments made by members of the Committee.

Neutral:

Tom Krebs, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (Attachment 3) stated that **HB 2049** does not mandate a school district teaching a hunter safety class and suggested revised language, "No district would be required to offer such a class".

Questions were asked and comments made by members of the Committee.

Sue Storm, Legislative Coordinator, State Board of Education, (Attachment 4) reported that **HB 2049** would require the State Board of Education to develop both a hunter safety orientation program and a curriculum on hunter safety for grades 6-12.

No questions were asked or comments made.

Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Wildlife and Parks, (Attachment 5) indicated the Department of Wildlife and Parks supports the principles contained in **HB 2049** but would suggest modifications to the

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language prior to passage of any bill.

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The hearing was closed on **HB 2049**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.