

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on January 15, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jay Emler- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Kimbra Caywood McCarthy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cody Gorges, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

J. Michael Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Chairman Umbarger welcomed all committee members back to the Legislative Session and welcomed Senator Greta Goodwin as a new member on the committee.

The Chairman recognized J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, who provided an update on the new assignments of the Fiscal Staff ([Attachment 1](#)). Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes Office, introduced Kristen Clarke Kellems from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, who will be serving on the Committee with her. Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, mentioned that their office has been relocated to the garden Level of the Statehouse and that everyone is invited to an open house on Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

The Chairman welcomed J. Michael Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, who presented an overview of the Agency ([Attachment 2](#)). Secretary Hayden addressed some of the following Wildlife and Parks initiatives that are in the Governor's FY 2009 recommendations:

- funding to provide for "Open Admissions" at the state parks;
- proposal to provide on-going funding for infrastructure maintenance and improvements at the state parks from the Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund;
- \$1.5 million from the Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund to finance flood repairs at the state parks that was incurred in 2007; and
- nine additional positions to administer state parks.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

HB 2587--Creating the wildlife and parks nonrestricted fund

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

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J. Michael Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, explained that the bill would have little impact to the State General Fund (Attachment 3). **HB 2587** provides that the interest earnings from investment of idle funds in the Wildlife and Parks Non-Restricted Fund will be deposited to the fund.

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2587**.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to recommend **HB 2587** favorable for passage and be placed on the Consent Calendar. The vote was not taken at this meeting and was held over to another meeting of the Committee.

Chairman Umbarger turned the Committee's attention to consideration of:

HB 2491--Increasing transfer of certain balances in the motor carrier license fees fund to the state highway fund

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill. A hearing was held on **HB 2491** in the 2007 Legislative Session on March 22, 2007.

Consideration of **HB 2491** was held over to another meeting of the Committee.

Copies of a report were distributed to the Committee from the Kansas Corporation Commission titled, Critical Analysis of the State and Federal Definitions of "Commercial Motor Vehicle," as required in 2007 **SB 357**. Copies of the report are available at the Kansas Corporation Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 16, 2008.