

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Powell at 9:00 a.m. on February 16, 2012, in Room 783 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Michael Peterson (Unexcused)

Committee Staff Present:

Randy Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Chris Sevedge, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Joyce Hladky, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Robin Jennison, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Powell opened the floor for hearings on **HB2729 amending the provisions relating to parks and recreation and motor vehicle registration and permits.**

Robin Jennison, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism offered testimony in support of **HB2729**.

The bill is largely designed to provide Kansas citizens with more convenient access to the state park system by allowing the purchase of the park pass at the time of their annual vehicle registration renewal. Revenue generated from the program would be used to make the state parks more self sufficient and reduce the impact of weather, blue-green algae and other natural occurrences on revenues generated during major park weekends.

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has sought and received the support of this program by the Secretary of Revenue and his staff. Prior to drafting the proposal, the department also sought the feedback on this program by the Association of County Treasurers. (Attachment 1)

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Secretary Jennison answered questions from the Committee.

There being no further testimony on **HB 2729**, Chairman Powell closed the hearings.

Raney Gilliland of the Legislative Research Department provided an overview and the background of **SB289 amending the veterinary practice act.**

*Representative Brookens offered a motion to favorably pass **SB289**. Representative Arpke seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

Raney Gilliland of the Legislative Research Department provided an overview and background of **HB2563 designating the Wellington and Sumner county wheat festival the official state wheat festival.**

*Representative Wetta offered a motion to favorably pass out **HB2563**. Representative Hoffman seconded the motion.*

Representative Wetta offered an amendment to change the language to designating the wheat festival to be the official Kansas wheat festival. Representative Grant seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

*Representative Wetta moved to favorably pass out **HB2563** as amended. Representative Grant seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

Sean Ostrow of the Revisor of Statutes Office provided an overview and background of **HB2551 increasing the maximum allowable vessel registration fee charged by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism** to Committee members. The bill would increase the maximum allowable vessel registration fee charged by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

*Representative Prescott offered a motion to favorably pass out **HB2551**. Representative Kerschen seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

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Sean Ostrow of the Revisor of Statutes office distributed a balloon amendment. He provided an overview of the balloon amendment, reviewed the changes and responded to questions.

(Attachment 2)

Representative Hoffman offered a motion to favorably pass the balloon amendment to **HB2295**. Representative Arpke seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Representative Hoffman offered a motion to favorably adopt Substitute **HB2295**. Representative Arpke seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried.

Representative Brookens offered a motion to amend the balloon amendment by striking the language in Section 2. Representative Wetta seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried.

Representative Bowers offered a motion to amend the language in **HB2295** on page 4 to include units. The secretary shall develop and implement a pre-rut antlerless and antlered deer rifle season and the rules and regulations for administration, thereof, by unit. Representative Hildabrand seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion carried.

Representative Brookens offered a motion to amend the bill by striking the language in paragraph n on page 5 & 6. Representative Moxley seconded the motion. When called to a vote, the motion failed.

Representative Hoffman offered a motion to favorably pass **HB2295** as amended. Representative Arpke seconded the motion. When called to a vote the motion carried.

Chairman Powell announced the Committee would meet on Friday, February 17, 2012 for a hearing on **HB2724** and possible action on bills previously heard.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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