

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TOURISM AND PARKS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Hutchins at 3:30 p.m. on February 4, 2004 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Margaret Long - Excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Lura Attig, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Willa DeCastro
Chris Tymeson, Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See Attached List.

HB 2604 -Licensing of boat dealers and certificates of number for use by dealer, spouse, employees and customers.

Proponents:

Representative Willa DeCastro read the brief written testimony of Gary Raine (Attachment 1), who was not present. Mr. Raine is confident that Kansas boat dealers would benefit from this bill. The license would be similar to that of a car dealer.

Committee questions followed.

Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Wildlife and Parks gave testimony supporting **HB 2604** (Attachment 2). This bill would allow boat dealers to frequently demonstrate their vessels on public water for the purpose of making a sale without being ticketed for *recreational use*. This would possibly increase both boat sales and tax revenue.

Committee questions followed.

Dan Heskett, Assistant Division Director, Boating Law Enforcement, Department of Wildlife and Parks answered committee questions regarding how boat dealers are regulated.

Opponents:

None

Chairperson Hutchins thanked the conferees and closed the hearing.

Chairperson Hutchins reminded the committee that today is the last day for non exempt committees to request bill drafts.

Rep. Novascone requested a committee bill requiring the Wichita State men's basketball team to play the University of Kansas' Men's basketball team. Motion made by Rep. Morrison and seconded by Rep. O'Malley. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Chair announced the next meeting will be Monday, February 9. We will hear HB 2573 - Wildlife and Parks, Disability assistance permit, fishing, removing license requirements for designated assistant.

Chairperson Hutchins adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.