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MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Ostmeyer at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present, except:

Senator Steve Morris, excused

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephanie Gray, Committee Assistant

Conferees:

Representative Jim Howell, District 82
Chris Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism (KDWPT)

Other attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Ostmeyer asked the committee to review minutes that had been distributed to them.

Senator Teichman moved to approve the minutes for February 2 (with one name change on the introduction made) and February 10, seconded by Abrams. Motion carried.

Chairman Ostmeyer opened the hearing on **HB2491-lawfully possessed handguns permitted while hunting, fishing and furharvesting.** Tamera Lawrence, assistant revisor, gave background on this bill, and she answered questions from the Committee.

Representative Jim Howell, District 82, gave testimony as a proponent of **HB2491**. He gave an explanation of some of the background for this bill. He stated that this bill is a balanced approach to the handgun issues. (Attachment #1)

Chris Tymeson, KDWPT, gave supportive testimony for **HB2491**. The Department supports the provisions contained in this bill. He answered questions from the Committee. (Attachment #2)

Questions from the Committee followed.

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Senator Bruce moved that **HB2491** be passed out favorably, seconded by Senator Love. Motion carried, with Senator Francisco abstaining.

Chairman Ostmeyer re-opened the continued hearing on **SB447 – concerning wild life and parks vessel fees**. Tamera Lawrence, assistant revisor, gave background for this bill, noting the vessel fee changes from \$30 to \$60. She answered questions from the Committee.

Chris Tymeson, KDWPT, gave supportive testimony for **SB 447**. This bill seeks to raise the cap on vessel registration fees. The Department supports the provisions contained in the bill, which would become effective July, 2012. (Attachment #3)

He answered questions from the Committee.

Senator McGinn made a motion that **SB447** be passed out favorably, Senator Bruce seconded. Motion carried.

The hearing was continued on **SB314- hunting & fishing license exemptions for 65+**.

Robin Jennison, KDWPT, introduced the proposed balloon amendments and stated information related to the license fees. (Attachment #4)

Senator Schmidt read and explained each balloon for this bill. It included the senior hunting/fishing pass fees and the insert (e) “for a resident who is 65 to 74 years of age”. Fees were explained for the annual hunting license, the annual fishing license, and the annual combination hunting & fishing license.

Discussion from the Committee followed.

Senator Abrams moved to accept the **SB314** proposed balloon amendment and to correct Section 3e : “For a resident who is 65 to 74 years of age”, Senator Taddiken seconded. Motion carried.

More discussion followed.

Senator Bruce moved to amend **SB314** with an 8 year sunset provision with the age limits & fees already adopted , Senator Abrams seconded. Motion carried.

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More discussion followed. Tamera Lawrence, assistant revisor, re-stated the balloon amendment sections and the sunset provision for the Committee.

Senator Schmidt moved to pass out **SB314** favorably as amended, Senator Abrams seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Ostmeyer announced that our next committee meeting will be Thursday, March 15.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.