

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

All members were present except:

Senator Steve Morris, excused

Senator Mark Taddiken, excused

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Stephanie Gray, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Joe Seiwert, District 101

Stephen Wood, Hays, KS

Chris Tymeson, Ks Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism (KDWPT)

Shawn Harding, President, Kansas Bowhunter's Association

Ray Huff, Labette County

Dan Rudman, Baldwin City

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Ostmeier opened the hearing on **SB380-crossbow hunting**. Representative Joe Seiwert supports this bill and **HB2295-crossbow hunting during archery season; pre-rut antlerless deer rifle season**. He provided testimony on deer accidents, deer population, and crop/car damage. (Attachment #1)

Stephen Wood, Hays, testified in support of **SB380**. He provided facts about crossbow hunting, and he explained a map about crossbow state regulations. (Attachment #2)

Written testimony in support of **SB380** was submitted by: Steve Schweizer, Reno-Stafford-Rice Counties (Attachment #3); Tim Schweizer, Kansas landowner & farmer. (Attachment #4)

Chris Tymeson, KDWPT, gave testimony in opposition to **SB380** and **HB2295**. He made references to both bills. He would like to see language changes in certain sections. (Attachment #5) (Attachment #6)

Shawn Harding, Kansas Bowhunter's Assn., gave testimony in opposition to **SB380**. He discussed history of crossbows, safety, and facts. (Attachment #7)

Ray Huff, Labette County, gave opposition testimony to **SB380**. (Attachment #8)

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Dan Rudman, Baldwin City, gave testimony in opposition to **SB380**. He presented some history of crossbows in the state. He suggested that KDWP handle the limited use of crossbow. (Attachment #9)

Discussion followed.

Chairman Ostmeyer announced the next meeting on Thursday, March 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.