

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson at 8:32 a.m. on February 7, 2002 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Deborah McIntire, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
J. Michael Hayden, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tyson. Chairman Tyson presented the subcommittee's report and recommendations on **HB 2471**. Senator Lee moved to adopt the recommendations of the subcommittee, Senator Taddiken seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Tyson introduced J. Michael Hayden for confirmation of his appointment as Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks.

J. Michael Hayden provided remarks as to his qualifications and background and then stood for questions by the committee.

The committee presented questions involving such issues as tourist potential with hunting; balance between landowners' leasing and residents; leasing of property to nonresident hunters; conflict between bow hunting and rifle hunters; concerns about the January season for harvest of does; budget impact on services; noxious weed control; and problems with trespassing.

Upon Secretary Hayden fielding all questions posed by the committee, Chairman Tyson closed the confirmation hearing.

Senator Oleen moved to confirm J. Michael Hayden as Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks, Senator Corbin seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8 at 8:30 a.m.