

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carol E. Beggs at 3:37 p.m. on February 14, 2001 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Broderick Henderson - excused
Rep. Bill Levinson - excused

Committee staff present: Renae Jefferies - Revisor
Hank Avila - Research
Carol Doel - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jim Aller - Kansas Outfitters Assn.
Clint Riley - Wildlife and Parks Department
Jean Barbee - TIAK
Mary Lou McPhail - Department of Commerce & Housing
Ron Hein - Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Assn.
Joni Noe - Wamego Convention Bureau

Others attending: See attached list

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HB 2098 Re-referred to Tourism on General Orders**Commercial guide services; permits requirements; reports of disposition of prosecutions.**

Mr. Jim Aller of the Kansas Outfitters Association appeared before the committee as a proponent. The first issue is the removal of provisional guides in Kansas. It is also felt that any guide should have first aid, CPR, a hunter safety course as well as a valid hunting license. This bill would close the loophole in our laws without any inconvenience to any legal guide or outfitter in the state. They also are in favor of background checks and refusal of guide permits if there is a violation by an outfitter/guide in any other states as well as our own. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Beggs asked for a motion to remove the amendment made and get back to the original bill. Representative Aday made the motion to remove the change on page 7, lines 9 through 12 (“Provisional guide” means a person who, during the calendar year, performs commercial guide services for 10 or fewer days and receives \$1,500 or less for such services, as determined in accordance with rules and regulations of the secretary)and it was seconded by Representative Mason.

Representative Ballou made a substitute motion that we strike all amendments page 7, lines 5 through 12; line 27; page 8, line 40 provisional guide be stricken; page 9, lines 2, 5, 9 and 10 be stricken; strike provisional guide, line 3; strike the word guide, line 6; the word guide be stricken, line 8; provisional guide be stricken, line 19.

Representative Beggs asked Representative McClure if she had a simplified conclusion for this situation. Representative McClure made a motion to go back to the bill form as it left committee and to the “a” amendment separately. This was seconded by Representative Campbell. The motion carried.

There was additional discussion by members of the committee with explanations by Mr. Clint Riley of the Wild Life and Parks Department. (Attachment 2)

Representative Aday moved that we make a technical amendment, page 9, line 23 changing it to read *been convicted of a felon.* Representative Ballou seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Ballou made a motion to table the bill. This was seconded by Representative Palmer. Motion failed to carry with a tied vote of 6 in favor and 6 opposed.

Representative Aday made a motion that we pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Loganbill.

Further discussion was requested by committee members and granted by Chairman Beggs.

Representative Ballou made a substitute motion that the bill be tabled until Monday, February 19th at 3:30 p.m. Representative Long seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HB 2014 Kansas tourism advertising fund

Jean Barbee addressed the committee as a proponent. **HB 2414** establishes a line-item for advertising for the Division of Travel & Tourism, establishes a formula for funding that line-item with growth from tourism related sales tax collections, creates no new tax burden, provides that the major amount of growth in the tourism related collections goes to the State General Fund. (Attachment 3)

Mary Lou McPhail of the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, Division of Travel and Tourism next addressed the committee. Mrs. McPhail stated that the Secretary of Commerce and Housing appreciated the support of TIAK, however he finds it impossible to support earmarking of general fund dollars for special purposes. (Attachment 4)

Addressing the committee as a proponent of **HB 2414** was Mr. Ron Hein of the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association believing that moneys spent to advertise Kansas tourism will generate revenues for businesses in Kansas. (Attachment 5)

GUEST SPEAKER

Joni Noe, Director of the Wamego Chamber of Commerce spoke to the committee sharing ideas and thoughts regarding promoting tourism in Kansas. (Attachment 6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting will be on Monday, February 19, 2001 at 3:30.

Chairman Beggs adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.