

MINUTES OF THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carolyn McGinn at 8:30 a.m. on February 15, 2008 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Bruce

Committee staff present:
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes
Matt Todd, Revisor of Statutes
Adrienne Halpin, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Chris Tymeson, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Tony DeRossett, Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry

Others attending:
See attached list.

Raney Gilliland commenced the meeting with an overview of **SB 475** which changes references to an organization currently called the Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (KFHFH) to the Kansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry, Inc.

Chris Tymeson, Chief Council, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), testified in favor of the bill (Attachment 1) stating that KDWP plays a support role to Tony DeRossett who serves as the state chair of KFHFH. Mr. Tymeson stated that KDWP does not anticipate any issues arising from this change. Mr. Tymeson stood for questions.

Tony DeRossett, who has chaired the KFHFH for eight years, also spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. DeRossett stated that, although the program has expanded from the state to national level, the leadership structure has remained the same causing several chapters across the country to form separate entities as new needs or concepts of the organization arose. Mr. DeRossett's organization is now in this same transition process. Mr. DeRossett stood for questions.

Chair McGinn closed the hearing on **SB 475** and opened the hearing on **SB 474** which concerns permits for controlled shooting areas.

Chris Tymeson spoke in favor of **SB 474** (Attachment 2) stating that the bill seeks to amend two statutes concerning controlled shooting areas. The amendments are intended to address a double regulation which occurs in the limited circumstance of field trials conducted on controlled shooting areas. Mr. Tymeson stood for questions.

Chair McGinn closed the hearing on **SB 474**.

Raney Gilliland presented the Committee with previously requested information concerning State activities and energy efficiency (Attachment 3, 4, and 5).

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.