

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Faber at 3:30 P.M. on March 7, 2007, in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Holmes - excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes Office
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on SB 188 - Commercialization of wildlife

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 188** - wildlife restoration fund.

Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), stated that **SB 188** is a departmental initiative designed to increase restitution money for illegal commercialization of wildlife (Attachment 1). He said the threshold for felony and misdemeanor crimes was raised during the 2006 legislative session; wildlife values, however, were not increased correspondingly. Mr. Tymeson requested the members consider increasing wildlife values as recommended by KDWP.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 188**.

The Chairman called for consideration **SB 19** - county fairs levy for buildings, grounds and maintenance. Representative Svaty moved to pass SB 19 favorably and place it on the Consent Calendar. Representative Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Chairman announced a brief meeting of sub-committee members following adjournment for discussion of **SB 249**.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2007.