

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator David Corbin at 8:00 a.m. on February 10, 2000 in 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Huelskamp and Pugh who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Lila McClafin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Clint Riley, Attorney, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending:

See attached list.

With a motion from Senator Morris and a second from Senator Tyson the minutes of February 8, 2000 were approved.

Information from United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), regarding carbon tetrachloride dated June 1992, was distributed to the committee ([Attachment 1](#))

The hearing on **SB 537-Extending the geese season** was opened.

Clint Riley, Attorney, Kansas Department Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), said they opposed **SB 537** as it is in conflict with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (as amended). The federal regulations establishing the Conservation Order required that states enact certain measures in order to harvest light geese outside the hunting season. The Conservation Order has since been withdrawn, however due to procedural requirements including public comment periods, publication in the Kansas Register, and other necessary approvals, the regulation would not be effective until at least April 7, 2000. It was believed that the Conservation Order would be largely ineffective in Kansas by that late date.

Mr. Riley outlined what the department is currently doing to put temporary regulations in place to extend the season for taking of light geese. KDWP has requested a hearing in front of the State Rules and Regulations Board for next week, at which point it will submit the necessary light goose regulation for approval. If approved, the federal Conservation Order will become effective March 11, 2000. As soon as the meeting time and place is set he would be glad to provide this information to the committee members, and they would be welcome to attend. Mr. Riley responded to questions ([Attachment 2](#)).

Mr. Riley's closing comments assured the committee that a process is being worked on to extend the time for harvesting of light geese.

Chairperson Corbin thanked Mr. Riley for his remarks. The hearing on **SB 537** was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on February 15, 2000.