

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 16, 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:

Senator Tyson, Parker, KS
Wes Traul, Garnett, KS
Doug Arnold, Chanute

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson called attention to testimony from Charles Benjamin supporting **SB 562** (Attachment 1) and a fiscal note on **SB 562** that had been distributed. Also, a map of Kansas showing the location of sensitive groundwater use areas was distributed and discussed. The map is on file in Legislative Research or can be obtained from Kansas Corporation Commission.

The hearing on **SB 528–Special hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits** was opened.

Senator Tyson spoke in favor of the bill. He said the purpose of SB 528 was to give each owner or tenant of farm or ranch land in Kansas two special landowner hunt-on-you-own-land deer permits for each 80 acres owned or operated. These special permits would be transferable, with or without compensation to any person, including non Kansas residents. If landowners chose to participate in this program it could generate some income for them, as they are the ones who have the expense of managing and feeding the deer herd. At the same time it would reduce the deer population in the state (Attachment 3)

Wes Traul, Garnett, KS., supported the bill. He is a private outfitter and he thought it could be considered and economic development bill. People that hunter are already spending large dollars for this hobby and he didn't think this bill would shut anyone out. It would give landowners more control over their land and allow them to recope some of their expenses from damages caused by the deer population. He distributed a fact sheet of a hunters profile showing four catagories of hunters the information listed is: average yearly household income, % overnight hunting trips, average spending on trip, and average yearly spending on the sport (Attachment 4).

Doug Arnold, Verdigris Outfitters, Chanute, supported the bill.

Lee Salmans, Hodgeman County, KS, summarized his written testimony by saying Kansas farmers are very qualified to contribute to controlling the deer over-population and are in the best position to handle this problem so that it benefits everyone. The bill would enable the farmer to partially offset his losses, and help control the deer population while bring tourist dollars into the state (Attachment 5).

Dale Carter was scheduled to testify and time ran out. He presented written testimony expressing concern with present regulations. His testimony suggests some changes that would encourage and enable hunters to take more deer (Attchment 6).

The hearing on **SB 518** was continued until the next scheduled meeting which will be February 17, 2000

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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