

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on February 15, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Nick Jordan

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Chad Luce, KS Dept. of Wildlife & Parks
Cheryl Swayne, KDWP

Others attending: See attached list

SB 536: Re boating safety education certificate

Mr. Luce testified regarding the purpose and methodology to be employed in implementing requirements of **SB 536** (Attachment 1). Cheryl Swayne, Boating Law Administrator, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks further explained the training procedures to be employed in the implementation of this Coast Guard approved training course. There will be no charge for this education.

Members requested more detailed information regarding the funding stream; penalties for not having certificate; types of personal water craft involved; definition of "public waters;" "access to private lands;" etc. Ms. Swang advised that a good portion of the training focuses on "stressors"; i.e., drugs and alcohol, involved in boating accidents. Of the surrounding states, Nebraska and Colorado both have laws similar to this one. Twenty-nine states currently require this type certification. The intent is to not restrict tourism in any way. Perhaps an amendment will be needed to clarify the penalty issue.

Mr. Luce advised he would return to the Committee with requested information.

Approval of minutes

Senator Tyson moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2000. Senator Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2000.