

COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES

Date: January 27, 2009

Place: Room 19

Convened: 1/27/2009
3:05 PM

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Adjourned: 1/27/2009
4:05 PM

Present: Representatives Bell-CH, Beard-VC, Deyoe-RM, Arnold, Baudler, Ficken, Huseman, Lykam, Marek, May, Mertz, Palmer, Rayhons, Schultz, Steckman, Sweeney, Thede, Upmeyer, Whitaker, Whitead, Zirkelbach

Absent: None

Excused: None

The House Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Representative Bell at 3:05. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

There were no changes to the minutes from January 22, 2009. As a result, the minutes were approved by the committee as stood.

Representative Bell read in bill assignments. House Joint Resolution 2 was assigned to Thede-CH, Marek, and May. House File 33 was assigned to Mertz-CH, Zirkelbach, and Sweeney. House File 41 was assigned to Beard-CH, Thede, and Arnold. House File 42 was assigned to Whitaker-CH, Steckman, and Baudler.

Representative Bell turned the chair of the meeting over to Representative Beard in order to take up House Joint Resolution 1. Representative Beard then recognized Representative Bell to introduce HJR 1. HJR 1 would constitutionally protect funds for natural resources. There was a discussion and questions among the members. HJR 1 passed by a vote of 21-0. Representative Beard then turned the committee chairmanship back over to Representative Bell.

There was a presentation by Dale Garner, Wildlife Chief at the Department of Natural Resources. The presentation centered around the current problems facing upland game birds, particularly pheasants. Mr. Garner then fielded questions with his colleague Ken Herring.

Representative Huseman moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05.

Representative Paul Bell

Rachel Moskowitz, Committee Secretary