

COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES

Date: February 08, 2010

Place: Room 19

Convened: 2/8/2010 3:35 PM **Recessed:** 2/8/2010 3:45 PM **Reconvened:** 2/8/2010 4:25 PM **Adjourned:** 2/8/2010 5:00 PM

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

The House Natural Resources Committee meeting was called to order by Representative Bell. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Representative Bell assigned the following bills:

HF 2232 Lykam-CH, May, Whitead
HF 2238 Hanson-CH, Ficken, Huseman
HF 2239 Beard-CH, Sweeney, Thede
HF 2293 Running-Marquardt-CH, May, Steckman
HF 2310 Beard-CH, Baudler, Palmer
HF 2311 Hanson-CH, Huseman, Mertz
HF 2312 Beard-CH, Hanson, Sweeney

Representative Rayhons requested the Republicans caucus. The Democrats also went to caucus.

The meeting reconvened. Representative Bell recognized Representative Beard for opening remarks on HF 2210: A bill for an act relating to restrictions on mowing within the right-of-way of interstates, primary highways, and secondary roads. Questions from the members followed. Representative Beard gave closing remarks and moved the bill. A record roll call vote was taken and HF 2210 passed with 21 ayes, 0 Absent and 0 Nays. Representative Bell recognized the passage of HF 2210 and referred the bill to the floor of the House as a committee bill.

Representative Bell turned the committee over to Representative Beard. Representative Beard recognized Representative Bell for opening remarks on HSB 631: A study bill relating to various conservation and recreation activities under the purview of the Department of Natural Resources, and making penalties applicable. There was an amendment to the bill. Representative Bell was recognized for opening remarks on amendment .664. Discussion followed. Representative Rayhons asked Diane Ford from the DNR to yield for a question, with unanimous consent. More discussion followed. Representative Mertz asked for a Point of Order. Representative Bell moved the amendment. Amendment .664 passed short form.

Representative Beard asked the committee to return to HSB 631. There were questions from Representatives Deyoe, Baudler, Sweeney and May. Willie Suchy from the DNR was asked to yield to a question, with unanimous consent.

Representative Bell proposed a sense amendment striking page 29, lines 17-24 and page 30, lines 26-30 from the bill. Representative Bell moved the sense amendment. It was seconded by Representative Beard. The amendment passed short form.

The committee returned to HSB 631. Representative Bell moved HSB 631 as amended. A roll call vote was taken and HSB 631 passed 13-8. Voting Aye: Bell, Beard, Ficken, Hanson, Lykam, Marek, May, Mertz, Palmer, Running-Marquardt, Steckman, Thede and Whitead. Voting Nay: Rayhons, Arnold, Baudler, Deyoe, Huseman, Schultz, Sweeney, Upmeyer. HSB 631 will go to the floor of the House as amended.

The committee adjourned with a motion by Representative Lykam.

Representative Paul A. Bell

Amy Lynch, Committee Secretary