

## Legislation and Regulation Committee

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### **Mission:**

The Legislation and Regulations Committee was formed in 1976 to monitor and provide input into the state and federal regulation and legislation process on such issues as endangered species, trapping and harvesting regulations, and the use of animals for experimental purposes. The committee also interacts with the legislative monitoring groups of AIBS.

### **Information Items:**

(1) As with last year, an effective deadlock continues to exist between the US House of Representatives and the White House. As such, there has been much rhetoric on Capitol Hill, but little change in the major environmental laws of the US. One area of particular concern is the development of an *ad-hoc* Committee in the House whose goal is to rewrite the Endangered Species Act. Two areas of more intense efforts included:

- (a) The Committee continued to support the President and systematic collections committees in working with other professional societies to reduce problems related to the transport of CITES-listed species into the United States for legitimate scientific study.
- (b) The Committee identified an effort in the Kansas Legislature to repeal regulations related to the state endangered species and non-game programs. The Committee wrote (and President Heske signed) letters to targeted members of the Legislature. Subsequently this act was dropped from the legislative agenda.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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