

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE, LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Hutton at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Stan Frownfelter – Excused

Representative Tom Burroughs, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

Linda Herrick, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Amy Blankenbiller, Director, Government Affairs, National Elevator Industry

Eric Rogers, Business Manager, International Union of Elevator Constructors

Sherriene Jones-Sontag, Deputy Executive Director, Kansas Lottery

Mike Thornbrugh, Manager, Public and Government Affairs, QuikTrip Corporation

Dick Stoffer, Director, Government Relations, HyVee

Phil Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Informational hearing: HB2356 — Providing for public safety with regard to elevators.**

Chairperson Hutton opened the hearing on this bill.

Amy Blankenbiller testified ([Attachment 1](#)) in support of the bill. She explained that National Elevator Industry, Inc. (NEII) represents companies that install, maintain, and manufacture elevators, escalators, and other building transportation products. She said to date, Kansas is the only home rule state that has not adopted a statewide safety code for elevators and escalators. NEII believes Kansas should adopt the latest version of the (ASME) American Society of Mechanical Engineers A17.1 Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators.

Second, NEII believes that elevator technicians should demonstrate a fundamental competency and update their knowledge annually.

Eric Rogers, International Union of Elevator Constructors, gave proponent testimony ([Attachment 2](#)). He stated both the employers and employees in the elevator industry support this bill. The purpose of this bill is to protect the public as well as the installers and persons who maintain the equipment. This bill will require mechanics to complete continuing education courses related to safety and ASME code issues.

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There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

The hearing on this bill was closed.

**Hearing on: HB2171 — Kansas lottery; sale of tickets; advertising; underage purchase of ticket prohibited.**

Chairperson Hutton opened the hearing on the bill.

Sherriene Jones-Sontag presented proponent testimony ([Attachment 3](#)). She explained the bill proposes four minor changes regarding the selling and advertising of traditional lottery products. Those are: allow Kansas Lottery to be a retailer; prohibit purchases by a minor; allow the Lottery to advertise at amateur athletic and sporting events; and allow the Lottery to invest in and use electronic product dispensers. She added that the total transfer to the state since 1987 was \$1.48 billion.

Mike Thornbrugh, QuikTrip, presented proponent testimony ([Attachment 4](#)). He noted that self-distribution machines would increase efficiency and increase sales while providing more revenue for the State of Kansas.

Dick Stoffer, HyVee, presented proponent testimony ([Attachment 5](#)). He said electronic lottery dispensers would reduce wait times for both customers wanting lottery products and those wanting to make other purchases.

Phil Bradley, representing the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, presented proponent testimony ([Attachment 6](#)). The Association's view is by allowing these items in retail locations is positive for the retailers who wish to add another product and would also advance the ability to help battle underage use by assuring there is a penalty for those who choose to break the law.

Written-only proponent testimony was submitted by:

Tom Palace, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas ([Attachment 7](#))

Adam Mills, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association ([Attachment 8](#))

Ben Boyle, General Manager, K-State Sports Properties/Learfield Sports ([Attachment 9](#))

Written-only opponent testimony was submitted by Representative Mark Kahrs ([Attachment 10](#)).

The hearing was closed.

**Final action on: HB2391 State employees; shared leave program limited to life threatening medical conditions; longevity bonuses only if moneys appropriated for such bonuses; classified positions converted to unclassified positions.**

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Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Chairperson Hutton asked for continued discussion (from March 16 and 17) and action on this bill.

Representative Suellentrop withdrew his motion (3/17/15) with the consent of Representative Claeys.

Representative Mason moved, Representative Claeys seconded, the bill be passed as amended. The motion passed with 9 ayes and 7 nays in a division vote. Requesting "nay" votes be recorded were: Representative Ruiz, substituting for Ranking Minority Leader Representative Frownfelter; Representative Burroughs, substituting for Representative Ruiz; and Representative Tietze.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.