

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Brunk at 9:00 am on Monday, February 16, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Marty Read – Excused
Representative James Todd – Excused
Representative Broderick Henderson – Excused

Committee staff present:

Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department
Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department
Stephen Bainum, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Tom Moxley
Jennie Chinn, Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions:

Chairman Brunk asked the Committee for any bill introductions.

Representative Brett Hildabrand introduced a bill about legalizing fantasy sports leagues in Kansas.

Representative Travis Couture-Lovelady introduced a bill regarding notices from the EPA.

Both bills were received without exception.

Hearing on: HB2268 — Authorizing the state historical society to accept certain real property known as the Last Chance Store.

Chairman Brunk opened the hearing on **HB2268**. Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes gave a brief overview of the proposed legislation.

Written testimony in support of **HB2268** was presented by:

Tom Moxley. He said, "this gift of the 1857 vintage "Last Chance Store" to the state of Kansas is truly one of Kansas' historical treasures. It has been preserved for over 150 years by dedicated owners. The Last Chance Store is exactly on the old Santa Fe Trail and the store gives today's traveler a roadside entry way to both it and the Kaw Mission Historic Site. ([Attachment 1](#))

Jennie Chinn. "The Last Chance Store in Council Grove was built in 1857 to serve travelers on the Santa Fe Trail. The property became part of a National Historic Landmark designation in 1963 and was individually placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1966. The current owner of the

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property wishes to donate The Last Chance Store to the Kansas Historical Society. The Kansas Historical society does not have general statutory authority to accept land and buildings, therefore specific legislation is required. **HB2268** conveys the property to the Kansas Historical Society. There is no cost to acquire the property. The Kansas Historical Society has existing funds that will enable us to make repairs without funds from the State General Fund. ([Attachment 2](#))

Written only testimony in support of **HB2268** was submitted by:
Connie Essington, Owner, Last Chance Store ([Attachment 3](#))

Chairman Brunk closed the hearing on **HB2268**.

Representative Janice Pauls asked if the Committee could work the bill. Chairman Brunk said yes.

Representative Janice Pauls made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion was seconded by Representative John Wilson. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.