

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jan Pauls at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Dana Rooney, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Joanna Dolan, Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ms. Kellie Fiedorek, Attorney, Alliance Defending Freedom  
Ms. Barronelle Stutzman, Floral Shop Owner  
Representative Tony Barton, 41st District, House of Representatives  
Christopher Holton, Vice President, Outreach Center for Security Policy

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Pauls opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Chairman Pauls drew everyone's attention to the briefing on the State Library Board from Legislative Researcher, Joanna Dolan. ([Attachment 1](#))

**Bill introductions**

Chairman Pauls called for bill introductions from the committee members and there were none. There were no bills introduced from the audience.

**Informational briefing: On Religious Freedom**

Chairman Pauls opened the informational briefing on religious freedom and called on Senior Revisor of Statutes, Jason Long. Jason cited bill numbers of active legislation concerning religious beliefs that are in the House and Senate: [SB175](#) and [HB2323](#).

Chairman Pauls recognized Kellie Fiedorek, Attorney, ([Attachment 2](#)), ([Attachment 3](#)) who introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Barronelle Stutzman, a floral shop owner from Richland, Washington, who gave the informational briefing on religious freedom. ([Attachment 4](#))

Following Ms. Stutzman's presentation, some questions were directed to Ms. Stutzman and Ms.

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Fiedorek by Ranking Minority Member, Annie Tietze; Representatives Stephanie Clayton, Brett Hildabrand, John Bradford, Valdenia Winn, Dick Jones, Steven Becker, Pete DeGraaf, Susan Concannon, and Chairman Pauls.

Chairman Pauls asked Kellie Fiedorek to send any written materials that she wished to share to the Chairman and committee members.

**Hearing on: HB2612 — Refugee resettlement; refugee absorptive capacity act.**

Chairman Pauls opened the hearing on **HB2612** and recognized Representative Tony Barton, 41st District, Kansas House of Representatives.

Representative Barton, proponent, gave an overview of **HB2612** ([Attachment 5](#)) and answered questions from Ranking Minority Member, Annie Tietze; Representatives Dick Jones, Don Hineman, and Bud Estes.

Another conferee, Christopher Holton, Vice President, Outreach Center for Security Policy was welcomed by Chairman Pauls. ([Attachment 6](#)) He also is a proponent of this bill.

Questions were asked by Ranking Minority Member, Representative Annie Tietze; Representatives Dick Jones, Stephanie Clayton, and Joseph Scapa.

Chairman Pauls announced that the committee would proceed on the hearing of **HB2612** tomorrow.

The next meeting of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee will be Thursday, February 18, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.