

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
Debbie Bartuccio, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Laura Calhoun
Robert Wing, President, Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters
Kristen Marr, President, Fraternal Order of Police, Topeka, Lodge #3
Rebecca Proctor, Kansas Organization of State Employees
Mike Scribner, President, Teamsters Local 696
Jim Bishop, President of SEIU Local 513
Lisa Ochs, AFT-Kansas
Rick Wiley
Sarah LaFrenz Falk
Derrick Baxter
Senator Jeff Melcher
Brad Burke, Deputy Secretary and Chief Attorney, Kansas Department of Labor
David Dorsey, Kansas Policy Institute
Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB179 — Limiting negotiations under the public employer-employee relations act.

Chairperson Lynn opened the hearing on **SB 179** and requested Revisor Chuck Reimer to provide an overview of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairperson Lynn recognized the following conferees.

Laura Calhoun, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 2](#))

Robert Wing, President, Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Kristen Marr, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Topeka Lodge #3, provided testimony in

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opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

Rebecca Proctor, Kansas Organization of State Employees, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Mike Scribner, President, Teamsters Local 696, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 6](#))

Jim Bishop, President of SEIU Local 513, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 7](#))

Lisa Ochs, AFT-Kansas, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 8](#))

Rick Wiley, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 9](#))

Sarah LaFrenze Falk, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 10](#))

Derrick Baxter, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 11](#))

Senator Jeff Melcher provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 12](#))

Brad Burke, Deputy Secretary and Chief Attorney, Kansas Department of Labor, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 13](#))

David Dorsey, Kansas Policy Institute, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 14](#))

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 15](#))

Written-only testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by:

- Irene Soto, Representing Self ([Attachment 16](#))
- Juanita Beck, Representing Self ([Attachment 17](#))
- Marge Riggin, Representing Self ([Attachment 18](#))
- Bob Parry, Representing Self ([Attachment 19](#))
- Jeremy Hendrickson, Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, Laborers' International Union of North American (LiUNA) ([Attachment 20](#))
- Jeanette Brown, Representing Self ([Attachment 21](#))
- Bruce Tunnell, Executive Vice President, Kansas AFL-CIO ([Attachment 22](#))
- Mitch Mellick, President, Kansas State Troopers Association ([Attachment 23](#))
- Mike Kane, Public Affairs Director for Laborers' 1290 in Kansas City, Kansas and Commissioner of 5th District of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County ([Attachment 24](#))
- David Schauner, General Counsel, Kansas National Education Association ([Attachment 25](#))

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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Written-only testimony in support of the bill was provided by:

- Rodger Woods, Kansas Deputy State Director, Americans for Prosperity ([Attachment 26](#))
- Secretary Phyllis Gilmore, Kansas Department for Children and Families ([Attachment 27](#))

Written-only testimony neutral to the bill was provided by:

- Secretary Jim Clark, Kansas Department of Administration ([Attachment 28](#))

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, Senator Lynn closed the hearing on **SB 179**. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2015.