

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

David Schauner, KNEA General Counsel
Rebecca Proctor, Kansas Organization of State Employees
Jeremy Monasmith, on Behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3
Irene Soto
Robert Parry
Nate McAlister
Kate Thompson
Derrick Baxter
Rick Wiley
Dr. Martin Stessman
Laura Calhoun
Lisa Ochs, AFT-Kansas
Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Business
Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber
Rodger Woods, Americans for Prosperity
Jim Milburn, Kansas Department of Administration

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairperson Lynn requested approval of the minutes for the following Senate Commerce Committee meetings: February 5, 2015, February 10, 2015, February 11, 2015, February 12, 2015, February 16, 2015, February 17, 2015, February 18, 2015, February 19, 2015, February 23, 2015, February 24, 2015, February 25, 2015 and March 4, 2015. Senator Olson moved, seconded by Senator Melcher, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Hearing on: SB212 — Strengthening protection of public employee paychecks.

Chairperson Lynn opened the hearing on **SB 212** and requested Revisor Chuck Reimer to provide an overview of the bill.

Chairperson Lynn recognized the following conferees.

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David Schauner, KNEA General Counsel, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Rebecca Proctor, Kansas Organization of State Employees, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 2](#))

Jeremy Monasmith, on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Irene Soto, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

Robert Parry, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Nate McAlister, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 6](#))

Kate Thompson, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 7](#))

Derrick Baxter, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 8](#))

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

Dr. Martin Stessman, representing self, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 10](#))

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

Lisa Ochs, AFT Kansas, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 12](#))

Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Business, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 13](#))

Eric Stafford, Kansas Chamber, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 14](#))

Rodger Woods, Americans for Prosperity, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 15](#))

Jim Milburn, on behalf of Secretary Clark, Department of Administration, provided testimony neutral to the bill. ([Attachment 16](#))

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

- Jeremy Hendrickson, Business Manager and Secretary/Treasurer, Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA) ([Attachment 17](#))

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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- Mike Scribner, President, Teamsters Local 696 ([Attachment 18](#))
- Mike Kane, Public Affairs Director for Laborers' Local Union 1290 in Kansas City, Kansas and also Commissioner of the 5th District of the United Government of Wyandotte County ([Attachment 19](#))
- Andy Sanchez, Kansas AFL-CIO ([Attachment 20](#))
- Dr. Julie Ford, Superintendent of Schools, Topeka Public Schools ([Attachment 21](#))

There was no written-only testimony provided in support of or neutral to the bill.

Chairperson Lynn requested information be provided to the Committee by the proponents concerning the states which have adopted legislation similar to this bill. There was discussion concerning the percentage of workers electing to have their union dues deducted from their paychecks, and the agreed upon fees paid by the unions to perform this service.

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, Chairperson Lynn closed the hearing on **SB 212**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2015.