

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Ostmeyer at 10:30 am on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jacob LaTurner – Excused

Committee staff present:

Joanna Dolan, Legislative Research Department

Connie Burns, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Michael O'Donnell

Ken Evans, City of Wichita

Kelly Arnold, Sedgwick County Clerk

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Introduction of Bills

Senator Olson requested a bill introduction concerning regulations of drones and dealing with private property.

There being no objection from any member present, the Chairman declared a motion to introduce the bill adopted by consensus.

Senator Holmes requested a introduction of a resolution recognizing the cowboy culture of Kansas.

There being no objection from any member present, the Chairman declared a motion to introduce the bill adopted by consensus.

SB 421 - Carrying a concealed handgun in a public building; restricted access entrance

Chairman Ostmeyer opened the hearing on **SB 421**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Senator Michael O'Donnell appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

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The bill would allow for a pass as a way to make the buildings and government more user-friendly, and give them the ability to offer passes to use for an easy entrance.

Ken Evans, City of Wichita, presented Mayor Jeff Longwells testimony in favor of the bill. [\(Attachment 2\)](#) Passage of the bill would streamline the business efforts with the city of Wichita, and remove the impractical barriers for individuals who regularly conduct business with the city.

Kelly Arnold, Sedgwick County Clerk, appeared in favor of the bill. [\(Attachment 3\)](#) The bill would allow offering a fast pass ID badge to those who apply and pass a background check to enter the building through the employee restricted entrance. In addition, the presence of district court facilities in the building would allow the option of prohibiting these individuals from carrying a firearm.

Eric Smith, Legal Counsel, The League of Kansas Municipalities, (LKM) provided written testimony in support of the bill. [\(Attachment 4\)](#) The bill would expand the use of restricted accesses entrances to help some of LKM members provide efficient access to public buildings. This bill establishes a local process for determining if individuals, other than employees, should be provided the ability to enter a public building through restricted access entrances.

Chairman Ostmeyer closed the hearing on **SB 421**.

The next meeting is scheduled February 18, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.