

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Ostmeyer at 10:30 am on Thursday, February 18, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

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:

Barry Martin, Attorney, Olathe, Kansas
Dennis Meyers, Fire District #1, Johnson County
James B. Francis, Johnson County Fire District #2
Major General Lee Tafanelli, The Adjutant General of Kansas

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Introduction of Bills

Senator Faust-Goudeau requested three bill introductions:

- 1) Concerning elections; relating to advance voting; indication of citizenship to be placed on drivers licenses and nondriver identification cards
- 2) Concerning discrimination; relating to family caregivers
- 3) Concerning repealing the death penalty

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

Senator Holmes requested a bill introduction concerning state psychiatric hospitals; relating to the Kansas department for aging and disability services.

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

HB 2438 - Fire districts; city territory adjoining a fire district to be added.

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Chairman Ostmeyer opened the hearing on **HB 2438**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Barry Martin, Attorney for Johnson County Fire District No. 1, appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) The bill would allow the governing body of any city to submit a request to the county commission to join any fire district, which lies within or adjoins the boundaries of the city. The county commission would then make a determination whether to approve the city's request.

Dennis Meyers, Assistant Chief, Fire District #1 of Johnson County, spoke in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) The bill would allow Fire Districts taking over fire protection for the city and the residents to be taxed under the taxing authority of the Fire District.

James B. Francis, Fire Chief, Johnson County Fire District #2, appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)) The bill would allow the governing body of the City of Spring Hill to authorize that portion of the city to be included into the Fire District. The Board of the County Commission would also need to approve this action before the territory could become part of the Fire District. With the passing of this bill, both city and county, the Fire Districts tax levy would be assessed to all residents equally.

Chairman Ostmeyer closed the hearing on **HB 2438**

Kansas National Guard

Major General Lee Tafanelli, Kansas Adjutant General, provided the committee with information and a legislative update on the Kansas State National Guard. ([Attachment 4](#)) Currently 198 Kansas State National Guard (KSNG) Soldiers and Airmen are deployed around the world; 156 Soldiers and Airmen have recently returned from various theaters of operations. The KSNG is preparing to deploy an additional 94 personnel within the next 180 days to various locations throughout the world.

Several significant events that occurred throughout this past year began with Soldiers and Airmen of the KSNG providing support for the Inaugural activities held in honor of Governor Brownback.

In January, the 235th Regiment celebrated the completion of a long-term goal with a ribbon cutting ceremony opening the Kansas Army National Guards (KSARNG) Culinary Center of Excellence at the Kansas Regional Training Institute in Salina.

Deliberate efforts were made to stabilize the Department and demonstrate on-going commitment to being good stewards of taxpayer resources; one of the key factors was the relocation of Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ), the Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center (KIFC) and KDEM to Forbes Field.

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Repositioning JFHQ, KIFC, and KDEM to Forbes Field puts the Department in a position to better protect Forbes Field and the 190th Air Refueling Wing from future Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) action by establishing it as a joint activity, thus protecting 944 jobs and \$90,948,413 to the state and local economy.

The operational tempo of the KIFC continues to increase rapidly with growing threats from international terrorist groups, nation state actors conducting cyberattacks against critical infrastructure and government networks; and the ever-changing biological threats posed by the introductions of human, animal, and plant pathogens into the state (intentionally or naturally).

Major General Tapanelli gave his word that the Adjutant General's Department will do its best to innovate and find new and improved ways to provide military, homeland security and emergency management services well into the future; and will continue to examine current and future challenges, develop high value actions within their control, and then carry out those actions in the most effective way possible.

Major General Tapanelli addressed questions and concerns from the committee.

Discussion and Final Action

SB 326 - Increasing production limits for microbreweries

Staff provided the ABC amendment that was presented on the House floor on **HB 2469**, which would make the two bills identical. ([Attachment 5](#))

Senator Olson moved the amendment. Senator Wilborn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Senator Holmes moved to pass **SB 326** out favorably as amended. Senator Faust-Goudeau seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

HB 2438 - Fire districts; city territory adjoining a fire district to be added.

*Senator LaTurner moved to pass **HB 2438** out favorably. Senator Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

HB 2467 - Authorizing the production of hard cider by microbreweries

Staff provided an amendment that would be inserted on page 4, line 39 Section (b). ([Attachment 6](#))

Senator Holland moved the amendment. Senator Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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SB 277 - Authorizing microbreweries to manufacture and sell hard cider and mead

*Senator Wolf moved to strike the language of **SB 277** and insert the amended language of **HB 2467** into the bill. Senator Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Staff suggested that the bill be a substitute bill.

*Senator Holland moved to pass **Senate Substitute for SB 277** out favorably. Senator Faust-Goudeau seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

SB 379 - Farm wineries; licenses; no term of residency

Staff provided an amendment that would remove the one (1) year requirement on residency for Microbrewery and Microdistillery. ([Attachment 7](#))

Senator LaTurner moved the amendment. Senator Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Senator Holland moved to pass **SB 379** out favorably as amended. Senator Faust-Goudeau seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.