

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Edward F. Reilly, Jr. at
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./p.m. on January 25, 1984 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present. ~~except:~~

Committee staff present:

Fred Carman, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research
June Windscheffel, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative J. C. Long

SB403 - concerning amendments to the prohibition on pit dog fighting.

The Chairman introduced Representative J. C. Long. Representative Long stated that in essence he is a proponent of SB403. An earlier hearing had been held on this bill on January 19, 1984. Representative Long told of an incident some months ago in which a lady in his area went out to get her newspaper in the morning, was attacked by pit bull terriers and died as a result of the incident. He stated that he would support the bill because he felt it would be to the public good and in the best interests of the public. There were questions from the Committee and much discussion as to how to implement a competent, enforceable bill.

Senator Morris moved to amend the bill by taking out "pit" wherever it appears and inserting "or selling" in line 24, and in line 28 to change class "C" misdemeanor to class "B" misdemeanor and to include in subsection (c) concerning attending unlawful conduct of dog fighting. 2d by Senator Francisco. Motion carried.

Senator Pomeroy made a clean-up motion to change "1982" to 1983". 2d by Senator Meyers. Motion carried.

Senator Francisco moved that the bill be effective on the publication in the state register rather than in the statute book on July 1, 1984. 2d by Senator Roitz. Motion carried.

Senator Meyers moved that "if it appears to the licensed veterinarian that the dog is not aggressive, the dog shall be returned to its owner" be amended into the bill. 2d by Senator Winter. Motion carried.

Senator Gannon moved to include the word "transported" in Section 1, (a)(3). 2d by Senator Roitz. Motion carried.

There were more questions from Mr. Carman as to the present statutes. Senator Winter made a motion that if a licensed veterinarian thinks the dog has not been trained for aggressive conduct the dog may be returned to its owner and that otherwise the dog is to be disposed of according to K.S.A. 21-4311; and that SB403 as amended by the Committee be recommended favorably. 2d by Senator Francisco. Motion carried.

HB2616 - relating to examination and confinement of persons sentenced to the custody of the secretary of corrections.

Senator Morris said that the Interim Corrections Committee came up with a number of recommendations this summer. One was to prohibit male and female felons in the same institution. He said it appears that the House has not even considered the Interim Committee Report. Senator Morris moved to take Section 2, of HB2616, which deals with the housing of male felons in the Kansas Correctional Institution, and reintroduce it as a Committee bill. 2d by Senator Roitz. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

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.