

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS

The meeting was called to order by Representative Robert H. Miller at
Chairperson

1:30 a.m./p.m. on March 7, 1985 in room 526S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representatives Roenbaugh & Sughrue - E

Representatives Brady & Peterson

Committee staff present:

Lynda Hutfles, Secretary

Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office

Russ Mills, Research

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gene Yockers, Real Estate Commission

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller.

Representative Sallee made a motion, seconded by Representative Goosen to approve the minutes of the March 5 and 6 meeting. The motion carried.

SB105 - Fees for licensure of real estate brokers and salespersons

Gene Yockers, Director of the Kansas Real Estate Commission, gave testimony in support of the bill which gives the commission the authority to increase its licensing fees in order to carry out its function of protecting the public and regulating the licensees in the real estate industry. See attachment A.

Hearings were concluded on SB105.

Representative Aylward made a motion, seconded by Representative Ramirez, to report SB105 favorable for passage. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Testimony of Gene Yockers
before the
Federal & State Affairs Committee
of the
Kansas House of Representatives
March 7, 1985

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Gene Yockers. I am the Director of the Kansas Real Estate Commission and am here to urge your support of Senate Bill 105.

The Commission needs authority to increase its licensing fees in order to carry out its function of protecting the public and regulating the licensees in the real estate industry.

As you may be aware, a bill introduced in the 1984 session provided authorization to increase fees paid by licensees. Although passed by the Senate, the bill was amended to include another matter and was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee, where it died due to controversy over the other issue. Consequently, we received no authority to increase licensing fees.

The Commission is a fee-supported agency, receiving no assistance from the State general fund. Senate Bill 105 increases maximum fees for original licenses and license renewals. It raises the annual rate from \$15 to \$30 for salespeople; from \$25 to \$50 for brokers. Fees will be set by regulation at \$25 for salespeople and at \$40 for brokers. This will be the first increase in original license fees since 1973. Renewal fees have been increased only once in the last 12 years -- salespeople from \$12 to \$15; brokers from \$18 to \$25.

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Our fiscal 1986 budget, which has been submitted and approved based upon the anticipated fee increase, will allow the Commission to fill an educational specialist position, along with one investigator position, which were both deleted last year. It will also allow the Commission to reinstate a normal level of operations.

Senate Bill 105 passed out of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee with no negative votes and passed the full Senate with a vote of 39 for and 1 against.

The Commission is hopeful that Senate Bill 105 will be passed as early as possible to allow us to implement a fee increase at the earliest possible date. (Time frame for need attached.) Again, I urge you to recommend Senate Bill 105 for passage in its present or purest form, so we may pursue it before the full House with the blessing of the Federal and State Affairs Committee.

I want to personally thank the House Federal and State Affairs Committee, Representative R. H. Miller, Chairman, for the opportunity to present this testimony to the Committee.

Timetable

Signature by Governor	March 26
Approval of temporary regulation by Attorney General	March 27
Notice of Public Hearing to Kansas Register	March 28
Notice of Public Hearing printed in Kansas Register	April 4
Conduct public hearing	April 26
File temporary regulation with Revisor of Statutes	April 29
Approval of temporary regulation by State Rules and Regulations Board	May 6
Advise DISC to change renewal fee and print renewal applications	May 7
Mail renewal applications	May 13