

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS

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

12:30 a.m./p.m. on April 11, 1986 in room 526S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Peterson-E

Committee staff present:

Lynda Hutfles, Secretary
Russ Mills, Research
Arden Ensley, Revisor's Office
Tom Severan, Research

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tony Bucklin, Topeka

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller.

HB3154 - Prohibition of "Throwing Star"

Jayne Aylward explained the bill which would put the "throwing star" in the category of a deadly weapon. She told the committee of the problems Salina was having with the star. A local martial arts store in Salina supported the bill.

Representative Sprague told the committee of problems that MCPerson has had in the past with the "throwing star". He brought a star along to committee.

Tom Severan, Research, borrowed two stars from a local martial arts store. The small star was 85¢ and the larger one was \$1.30. See attached picture A.

Russ Mills, Research, told the committee that some of these stars are high quality art work. An article in the U.S. News & World Report said that the U.S. Congress was debating a bill which would prohibit mail order buying of the "throwing star".

Representative Knopp asked that the committee amend SB564 dealing with the discharging of firearms, into the bill. There is no law which prohibits shooting onto private property from roads, right-of-ways, etc.

Tony Bucklin, owner of a local retail martial arts store, gave testimony in opposition to the bill. There is a useful purpose for these stars. They are used in the martial arts to increase arm and eye coordination. They increase the ability to defend yourself. They are not misused. He said people are confusing what they see on TV and what is actually happening. See attachment B.

Hearings were concluded on HB3154.

Representative Barr made a motion, seconded by Representative Eckert, to amend SB564 into HB3154. The motion carried.

Representative Aylward made a motion, seconded by Representative Sprague, to recommend HB3154 for passage as amended.

Representative Vancrum made a substitute motion, seconded by Representative Aylward, to amend on line 0116 to include after "shape," the word "manufactured". The motion carried.

Representative Aylward's original motion to recommend HB3154 favorably as amended was voted on. The motion carried.

SB755 - Kansas Technology Enterprise Corp. (R/K Rec. #4)

Representative Vancrum made a motion, seconded by Representative Sallee, to delete on line 27 "which export" and add "concerned with" and delete

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"import quality" and add "create".

Representative Gjerstad made a substitute motion, seconded by Representative Roy, to change Sec. 1(a) to "The purpose of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation is to foster innovative, existing and developing businesses, especially the creation, growth and expansion of Kansas Enterprises in a diversified range of primary sectors, which develop value-added products, processes and services, including but not limited to:" The motion carried.

Representative Vancrum made a motion, seconded by Representative Walker to delete on lines 0039, 0040, and 0041 "centers of excellence". The motion carried.

Representative Gjerstad made a motion, seconded by Representative Aylward, to delete in lines 0052 and 0055 "exporting" and insert "business". The motion carried.

The following technical changes were made with the unanomous consent of the committee:

- line 0063 - change "longer" to "long"
- line 0111-0113 - delete all language
- line 0089 - delete "exploitable" add "developed or marketed"
- line 0109 - delete "of a young small firm" and "mature"
- line 0185 - delete "exporting"
- line 0187 - delete "with or without charge as the corporation may determine"
- line 0226 - delete "exporting"
- line 0220 - delete "engaged in key exporting industries"

There was discussion on the composition of the Board.

Representative Vancrum made a motion, seconded by Representative Ramirez, to strike the "4 legislators" from the Board on line 0263. The motion carried.

The Revisor's Office was directed to eliminate all references to these four legislators.

Representative Brady made a motion, seconded by Representative Vancrum, to change in line 0267 "Five" to "Four" persons from the private sector to be on the Board.

Representative Sprague made a substitute motion, seconded by Representative Sughrue, to add "colleges, or higher education institutions" after "universities" in lines 0278, 0366, 0374, 0397, 0415 and 0465 and to change the number of representatives on the Board from "three" to "four". The motion carried.

Representative Brady's motion to change from "Five" to "Four" persons from the private sector was voted on. The motion carried.

The following changes were made with the unanimous consent of the committee:

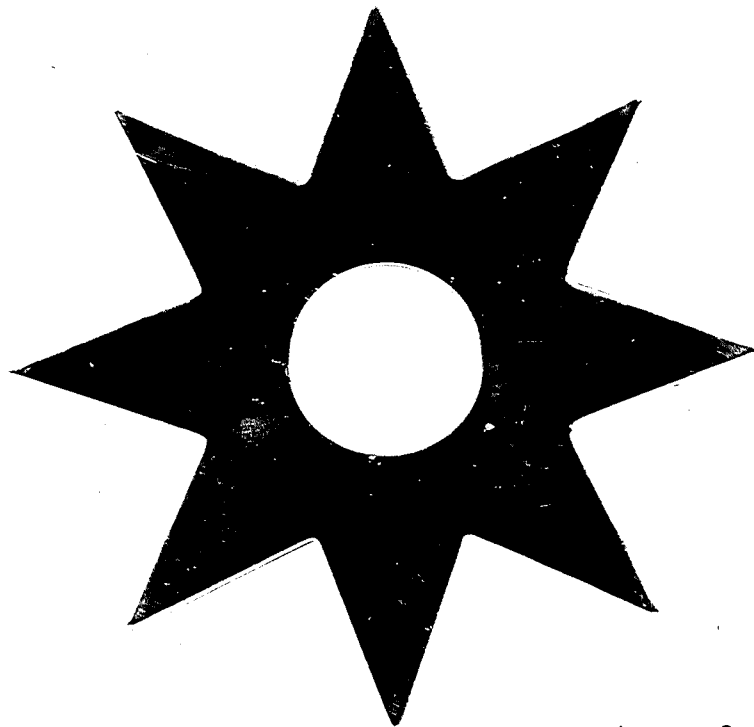
- line 0342 - delete "The board shall conduct a search to select a corporation president"
- line 0364 - insert "." after "development"
- line 0381 - delete "which meets a national standard of excellence"
- line 0403 - " " " " " " " " "
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- line 0416 - change "industry" to "business"
- line 0424 - " " " " "
- line 0469 - change "industries" to "businesses"
- line 0491 - delete "key exporting"
- line 0540 - delete "In carrying out its functions under this section"
- line 0541 - delete "encourage" and add "shall"
- line 0542 - Same as line 0540 and 0541
- line 0620 - insert after "is" "not available on commercial terms"
- line 0650 - delete beginning with "members"
- line 0651 - " " " "
- line 0652 - " " " "
- line 0653 - " " " "

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- line 0666 - delete all language
- line 0667 - delete all language
- line 0670 - delete all after first ", "
- line 0671 - delete "enterprises"
- line 0624 - delete "primary"
- line 0686 - delete "key exporting"
- line 0693 - insert after "audit" "according to generally acceptable
accounting procedure"
- line 0706 - delete "fiscal"

Representative Walker made a motion, seconded by Representative Grotewiel,
to report SB755 favorably as amended. The motion carried.



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ATTACHMENT A

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 6, 1985

Mr. Anthony Bucklin
628-A South Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Dear Mr. Bucklin:

Thank you for contacting my office for information on my position on S. 1363. Please accept my apologies for the delay in my response.

As you know, S. 1363 was introduced by Senator Kennedy to ban sending dangerous martial arts weapons through the mail. The bill would prohibit mail order sales to States which ban the manufacturing, selling, carrying, and possession of such weapons. Hearings on the measure were held by the Senate Judiciary Committee in October. No further action on the bill is scheduled at the present time.

To be sure, the growing popularity of martial arts television shows and movies has been accompanied by an increased demand for implements associated with the practice of martial arts. It is not at all clear, however, that a new federal criminal law is needed to counter this trend. No convincing statistical evidence has been presented to demonstrate that the growing demand for martial arts weapons has led to an increase in crime. Moreover, the carrying or misuse of concealed dangerous weapons is already banned by State criminal codes. And it is against the law to commit murder or aggravated assault, no matter what sort of object is used.

Finally, it is not clear what this bill would accomplish. Only a handful of states have specific laws regulating martial arts weapons. Even if the mailing of martial arts weapons into these states were banned, items could still be bought over-the-counter or easily made at home. In any case, Congress should be more worried about the proliferation of truly dangerous weapons,

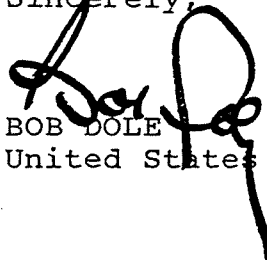
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such as fully automatic machine guns and suitcase bombs. These are the types of weapons that we should concentrate on controlling, not martial arts items.

Again, thank you for contacting me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Dole", written over the typed name.

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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