

Approved March 3, 1987
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Governmental Organization

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at
Chairperson

1:50 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on March 2, 1987 in room 531N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Bogina

Senator Frey

Senator Gaines

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird - Research

Jill Wolters - Revisor

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Colonel Ralph W. Rissmiller, Jr. - Commander, Kansas Wing Civil Air Patrol

Major General Ralph T. Tice - Adjutant General, State of Kansas

George M. Boyd - Director, KDOT Division of Aviation

Tom Handley - Legal Council for Civil Air Patrol

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing SB 198 and SB 233. In as much as there was no representative to speak for SB 198 the Committee turned its attention to SB 233 relating to the Civil Air Patrol.

Colonel Rissmiller addressed the Committee on behalf of SB 233 to give views and recommendations from the Civil Air Patrol. He presented facts and statistics on the missions and services that they provided and urged support of this bill. It was pointed out that much of the cost incurred by CAP members for training and operating expenses were paid for by the members themselves and that the quantity and quality of services could be greatly improved if this bill was passed. (Exhibit A)

Tom Handley spoke on behalf of SB 233 and addressed the areas of liability, insurance, and lawsuits after which there was a brief question and answer period.

General Tice appeared before the committee in support of SB 233 commending them for their contribution to the state during periods of emergencies and also in the area of providing an opportunity for the youth of the state to participate in their organization. (Exhibit B)

George Boyd presented testimony on the many volunteer tasks and functions which the CAP performs for the state of which many are not aware. These include disaster relief, promotion of the state, low level training routes, and education and aviation safety. (Exhibit C) He stated that the Civil Air Patrol would be a cost effective addition to the state and urged the committee's support.

No committee action was taken this date.

A motion was made by Senator Francisco to approve the minutes of the February 23 meeting. This was seconded by Senator Strick and motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Chairman.

GUEST LIST

COMMITTEE: Senate Governmental Organization

DATE: March 2, 1987

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CIVIL AIR PATROL STATEMENT
TO THE
SENATE, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
STATE OF KANSAS
BEN VIDRICKSEN, CHAIRMAN

I am Ralph W. Rissmiller, Jr. of Wichita Kansas, a Colonel in the Kansas Wing Civil Air Patrol. I am the Commander of the Kansas Wing CAP, having been duly appointed to that position pursuant to Civil Air Patrol's Bylaws on October 20th, 1984.

The purpose of this statement is to provide this Committee and the Senate with Civil Air Patrol's views and recommendations with respect to Senate Bill 233, providing for the establishment of a Department of Civil Air Patrol within the state government.

A few preliminary comments are necessary to provide the background for our recommendations.

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was given a federal corporation charter in 1946 under 36 USC Section 201-206. In 1947, the Congress designated CAP as the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force under 10 USC 9441 and by that law authorized limited Air Force support in logistics and advisory personnel. The logistics assistance consists of aircraft, vehicles and some communications equipment. CAP wings receive no direct federal appropriations and rely on member dues, donations, and state appropriations for their operational funding.

CAP today consists of some 64,000 members nationwide. It is divided into 8 regions and 52 wings, with a wing in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The charter received from Congress specified that CAP would perform emergency services, aerospace education and conduct a cadet program for young people.

The emergency services mission of CAP is perhaps the best known by state officials. CAP functions in each state in the areas of search and rescue, disaster relief and civil defense. In search and rescue, CAP is credited with flying over 85% of all search missions performed in this country each year resulting in the saving of hundreds of lives. Each year CAP assists states in a number of disaster relief operations. CAP flies blood, tissue and organs for the American Red Cross. These missions are performed with approximately 540 CAP-owned aircraft, 8,000 member-owned aircraft, 2,000 vehicles and 27,000 licensed radio stations. The remarkable thing is that all of this is done by CAP unpaid volunteers at a great savings to the taxpayers. I must add that all of this is done without a great deal of public awareness.

The Kansas Wing has over 500 volunteer members, 5 CAP-owned aircraft, approximately 25 member-owned aircraft, and 8 CAP-owned vehicles including a mobile command and communications van and two 4-wheel drive ground rescue vehicles. This wing stands ready to serve the state of Kansas in a variety of emergency situations. Some of the Committee members may be familiar with the services the Wing has rendered to the state. For example, during 1986 the Kansas Wing conducted the following missions:

- 9 emergency medical transport/blood flights
- 12 priority blood transportation missions (air and ground)
- 23 search and rescue missions tasked by the USAF
- 4 emergency assistance missions to support local authorities in
missing person searches
- 3 disaster relief missions to conduct aerial damage assessment and
survey activities following major storms
- 8 USAF funded training missions
- 6 local training missions

As a result of these efforts, the Kansas Wing was credited with 9 lives saved and 12 life-threatening situations averted. In addition, numerous public service activities were conducted by individual local units in support of local events. These included: crowd management, medical assistance (first-aid), communications, etc. All totaled, over 18,000 man-hours of volunteer emergency service was donated by members of the wing during 1986.

In addition to emergency services activities, the Civil Air Patrol also conducts an excellent aerospace education program in conjunction with many elementary and secondary schools and various colleges and universities throughout the state. Through this program, we are able to encourage and assist many teachers in providing informative lessons on the value of aerospace knowledge in today's society. Here in Kansas, the air capitol of the world, we foster the education programs that will provide the future workers and managers of the aerospace industry.

In the third of Civil Air Patrol's three missions, we provide a cadet program for young men and women age 13 to 18. This program provides our young people with aviation and aerospace training conducted in an atmosphere that builds personal character and moral qualities. The CAP cadet program provides a variety of experiences and opportunities. Among other activities, cadets learn the history of aerospace technology, participate in orientation flights, compete for numerous scholarships, participate in moral leadership activities, and compete for selection to attend the International Air Cadet Exchange program. The CAP cadet program is a well-rounded curriculum intended to help young men and women grow into responsible adult members of the community.

The important point is that all of these services are rendered by volunteers who will leave their jobs or homes when called upon. They train on

their own time, often taking their vacations. All without pay. In addition to the dues that each member pays, it costs him or her an additional average of \$1500 each year to participate and for the privilege of sometimes risking their lives to serve their fellow man.

I believe that the honorable members of this Committee and the Senate have seen that the service this Wing has and will provide to the state of Kansas is a bargain unique in public service. The Kansas Wing deeply appreciates the cooperation and support it has received from this legislative body.

I submit that establishment of a state Department of CAP is the right thing to do considering the value of the services CAP provides. I submit that much of the cost incurred by CAP members for training and operating expenses are by and large paid for by the members themselves. Finally, our National Headquarters has observed that the quantity and quality of service that a CAP wing can render to the state is directly proportional to the support provided by the state.

A number of other states have adopted statutes which provide state agency status for the CAP wing. Those statutes have worked very well. Such statutes provide oversight, the basis for appropriations, and greatly improve interaction with the various other state agencies that utilize CAP's services. Additionally, all but seven states now provide fiscal support to their CAP wings. The experience in each of these states is that it has greatly improved service to the state as well as the functioning of the CAP wing.

CAP strongly urges the adoption of this legislation which will establish the wing's status in Kansas and, I submit, greatly improve its ability to serve the state. The cost to Kansas would be minimal, and the benefits great.

I thank the Committee for permitting me to appear and to express the views of the Civil Air Patrol.

CIVIL AIR PATROL STATEMENT
TO THE
SENATE, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
STATE OF KANSAS
BEN VIDRICKSEN, CHAIRMAN

I am Major General Ralph T. Tice, The Adjutant General for the State of Kansas. I am appearing before your committee in support of Senate Bill #233 to establish the department of Civil Air Patrol.

The CAP is to be commended for their contribution to the State of Kansas. First in providing vitally needed support during periods of emergency, ranging from search and rescue missions to the life saving blood transportation flights. They have given many hours of donated time in the support of my agency, working with the Division of Emergency Preparedness to support our effort in helping people and communities recover from devastating floods and tornadoes. There have been many flights trying to locate lost people, many of them being elderly who have wandered away from senior citizens facilities. These searches are conducted by the CAP and are extremely cost effective. Because of limited blade time for my Army helicopters, I do not have the assets to support these type of missions.

During periods of emergencies, following floods and tornadoes, the fixed wing capability of the CAP enables us to establish the vital communication links between emergency operation centers and the site of the emergency.

The other outstanding contributions lie in the area of providing an opportunity for the youth of our state to participate in their organization; allowing them to receive training in air rescue, communications, emergency operations, and proper flying techniques and safety. These are just a few of the events open to our young people, but the greatest benefit to them is their development in citizenship and responsibilities to their community, State and Nation, and how they can better serve. The CAP is an outstanding organization which assists our state in emergencies and is always there when we need it.

Do you have any questions?

MAJOR GENERAL RALPH T. TICE

The Adjutant General

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KANSAS AVIATION CONFERENCE 10, 11, 12 APRIL 1987

February 17, 1987

Memorandum to: Senator Ben E. Vidricksen, Chairman
Senate Committee on Governmental Reorganization

From: George M. Boyd, Director
KDOT Division of Aviation

Regarding: Senate Bill No. 233

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to comment on Senate Bill Number 233.

As Director of Aviation, Kansas Department of Transportation, I would like to present the following remarks and recommendations concerning the referenced bill.

There are many volunteer tasks and functions which the Kansas Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the Official Auxilliary of the United States Air Force, performs for our state of which you may not be aware. I will highlight those which directly support aviation and the Aviation Division of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

SARDA: The Commander of the Kansas Wing, Civil Air Patrol, is the Deputy Director of the Kansas State and Regional Disaster Airlift (SARDA) Program and as such has direct input to the air operations annex of the State Disaster Emergency Plan. Members of the CAP are also mission coordinators for state and national disaster operations with participating State and CAP personnel and civil aircraft under the guidance of the Disaster Preparedness Division (Adjutant General) and the Division of Aviation (KDOT).

PROMOTION OF STATE: The Kansas Wing, CAP, with approval of the National CAP Headquarters and the State Aviation Advisory Committee (KDOT), has implemented a program, with the sale of wings, license plates and patches, which promotes aviation in Kansas. The CAP is a member of the State Aviation Advisory Committee (KDOT).

LOW LEVEL TRAINING ROUTES: The USAF has numerous low level air training routes throughout Kansas. The CAP flies these routes to insure that the routes are safe. This is in direct support of the KDOT Division of Aviation, since the KDOT Aviation staff is too small to fly all of these missions. The CAP also flies State airport inspectors to inspection duties at several Kansas airports.



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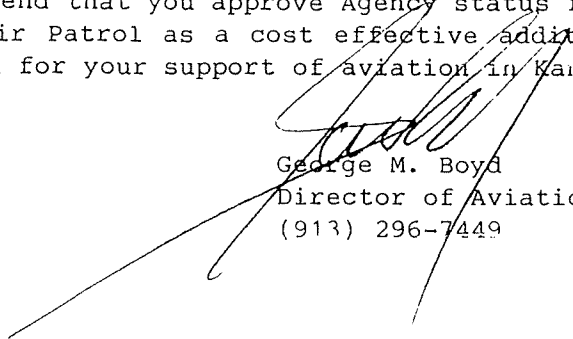
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EDUCATION: Members of the Kansas Wing, CAP, participate in several workshops each summer during which they teach aerospace education to school teachers. The teachers receive credit hours for these courses. The Civil Air Patrol is represented on the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education.

AVIATION SAFETY: The CAP conducts aviation safety programs in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the KDOT Aviation Division to promote safety of flight in Kansas.

The Aviation Division of the Kansas Department of Transportation appreciates and values the continuing CAP voluntary contributions to state government. We recommend that you approve Agency status for the Kansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol as a cost effective addition to state government. Thank you for your support of aviation in Kansas.



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cc: Horace B. Edwards
Secretary, KDOT

KANSAS AVIATION PROMOTION PACKAGE

Official Package

Four Items \$15.00



Cloth Wings

Silver/Brown/Yellow
(4½" long x 2" wide)



Cloth Patch

Grey/Brown/Yellow
(4½" long x 2½" wide)



Metal License Plate
Grey/Brown/Yellow
(12" long x 6" wide)



Metal Wings

Silver/Brown/Yellow
(2" long x 5/8" Wide)

Approved by: HQ CAP Maxwell AFB, AL and the
Aviation Advisory Committee of the
Kansas Department of Transportation