

Approved: 4-26-96
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Sandy Praeger at 11:05 a.m. on March 25, 1996 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

Members present were: Senator Jordan
Senator Papay
Senator Praeger
Senator Ramirez
Senator Vidricksen
Senator Walker

Members not present: Senator Oleen, Chair - excused
Senator Tillotson, Vice Chair - excused
Senator Jones, Ranking Minority Member - excused
Senator Gooch - excused
Senator Hensley - excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Nancy Wolff, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Brian Berents
Brig. Gen. John (Joe) Crawford, Jr.

Others attending: See attached list

A confirmation hearing was scheduled for **Brian Berents** as Adjutant General of the Kansas Air National Guard. Following an introduction by Brig. Gen. John (Joe) Crawford, Jr., Col. Berents gave a brief background statement of his prior experience in both civilian and military life (Attachment 1).

Senator Praeger announced that the next meeting of the committee was scheduled for noon recess on Tuesday, March 26, when the committee would have a hearing on **SB754**--which would authorize the Kansas lottery to operate certain lottery games at racetracks.

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

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

NAME & RANK: Brian E. Barents, Colonel

HOME ADDRESS: 13029 Pinehurst Drive, Wichita, KS 67230

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: 2 January 1944, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

MARITAL STATUS: Married

CHILDREN: Kimberly, 27 years
Jennifer, 22 years

OCCUPATION: President and Chief Executive Officer of Learjet Inc.

MEMBERSHIPS IN ORGANIZATIONS:

- National Guard Association (29 years)
- Air Force Association (29 years)
- American Fighter Pilots Association
- Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association
- Member of Board, Museum of Science & Industry, Los Angeles, CA 1988-1989
- Past Chairman, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce
- Member of Board, Learjet Inc.
- Member of Board, Cessna Finance Corporation 1983-1988
- Member of Board, Cessna International Finance Corporation 1983-1988
- Member of Board, Reims Aviation, Reims, France 1980-1986
- Member of Board, MIS International, Ann Arbor, MI
- Chairman of Board, Kansas Foodbank Warehouse
- Member of Board, Hospice of Wichita

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- Member of Board, Wichita Children's Home
- Member of Board, American Red Cross
- Member of Board, St. Joseph's Hospital 1990-1995
- Member of Board, United Way of the Plains 1991-1993
- Member of Board, Boy Scouts of America
- Member of Board, Wichita Aeronautical Historical Association
- Chairman, City of Wichita/Sedgwick County (WI/SE) Partnership for Growth Inc.
- Chairman, 1992 March of Dimes WalkAmerica
- Chairman, 1992 Boy Scouts' Capital Campaign
- Friends of McConnell

CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

1966 - Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Western Michigan University

1967 - Graduate studies toward MBA, University of Michigan

1968 - General Motors Corporation Management Training School

SYNOPSIS OF MILITARY SERVICE:

1966 - Enlisted Michigan Air National Guard

1968 - Commissioned Second Lieutenant

1969 - Graduated USAF Pilot Training

1969 - Combat Ready Pilot RF-84

1971 - Combat Ready Pilot RF-101, first pilot in Michigan ANG to achieve Combat Ready status

1972 - Graduated Squadron Officer School

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1973 - Graduated Air Command and Staff College, U.S. Combat Ready Pilot F-100, first pilot in Michigan ANG to achieve Combat Ready Status

1974 - Promoted to Flight Commander

1975 - Chief of Safety, Detachment 1 Air Technician Department Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan; During this period managed Base safety office, upgrading an unsatisfactory rating for previous MEI to outstanding rating in following inspection.

1976 - Graduated Industrial College of Armed Forces

1978 - Selected to serve on Special Task Force reporting to Chief of Staff, Air Force on high accident rates experienced by young flying officers in previous years and to make recommendations regarding supervision and continuation training.

1978 - Transferred to Kansas Air National Guard, 184th TFG, McConnell

- Promoted to Major

- Upgraded to F-105

1981 - Squadron Commander 127th Tactical Fighter Squadron

- Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

1982 - Upgraded to F-4

1984 - Squadron Commander, Resource Management Squadron

1989 - Director of Operations Headquarters Kansas Air National Guard

1990 - Promoted to Colonel

POSITIONS HELD WITHIN THE KANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD:

- Squadron Pilot, 127th TFS
- Squadron Commander, 127th TFS
- NAF Planning and Programs Officer -- Kansas Air National Guard State Headquarters Staff

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- Squadron Commander Resource Management Squadron 184th TFG
- Group Air Operations Officer 184th TFG
- Director of Operations Headquarters Kansas Air National Guard
- Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard

AWARDS & DECORATIONS:

- Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, two oak leaf clusters
- Combat Readiness Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, four oak leaf clusters
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal, two devices
- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
- Kansas National Guard Service Medal, one device

OTHER AWARDS & HONORS:

1971 - President's Club, Honeywell, Inc.

1975 - Top Gun, Michigan ANG

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

1976-1988 Cessna Aircraft Company

Senior Vice President responsible for worldwide sales, marketing, product support, government relations and new product development. During tenure with the company, developed line of Citation business jets increasing market share from 13 percent to over 46 percent in 1987.

1988-1989 Toyota Motor Corporation

Vice President Sales Staff responsible for operations and sales planning, pricing, market research and implementation of a national marketing and sales training program for the company's new Lexus Car Division.

March 1989 Learjet Corporation

President and Chief Operating Officer responsible for all manufacturing, engineering, product support, worldwide marketing and sales activities.

March 1990-1996 Learjet Inc.

President and Chief Executive Officer, during tenure in this position oversaw and negotiated sale of Learjet to Bombardier Inc. Increased employment in Kansas by 3000 employees totaling 4300 with annual payroll over \$120 million. During period, increased revenues by 500 percent increasing commitment to Kansas with \$120 million capital expenditure program.