

Approved: March 19, 1998
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Garry Boston at 1:30 p.m. on March 18, 1998 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Phill Kline, Excused
Representative Ralph Tanner, Excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
June Evans, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The Chairperson asked for bill introductions.

Representative Ruff moved and Representative Crow seconded to introduce legislation concerning district coroners, relating to special deputy coroners. The motion carried.

HB 2244 - Concerning the public employer-employee relations act; relating to the applicability of the act to local units of government.

Jill Wolters gave a briefing on **HB 2244**, stating there were hearings on February 4 and 5. The bill was introduced by the Kansas Association of Public Employees. Under current law city or county public employees can't form an employee organization bargaining unless the city or county governing body of those allow the employee to do so. This bill would strike that provision and then employees would be allowed to organize if they so voted to do so without the approval of the governing bodies and place them under the Public Employer/Employee Relations Act (PEERA).

Representative Swenson moved and Representative Ruff seconded and amendment to make the effective date public date in the register.

Representative Grant moved and Representative Gilbert seconded a substitute motion to report **HB 2244** out favorable.

Representative Mason moved and Representative Dahl seconded to Table **HB 2244**. A show of hands were requested -- Yeas - 5 and Nays - 13. The motion failed.

The Chairperson stated were back on Representative Grant's substitute motion to move out favorably. The motion carried.

Representative Grant moved and Representative Gilbert seconded the minutes of March 16 and 17. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next meeting will be March 19, 1998.

