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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Lana Oleen at 11:10 a.m. on February 24, 1998, in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Ben Vidricksen - excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Robin Kempf, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Midge Donohue, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Mr. Richard Freund, LifeSaver Interlock, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. Gary Carter, Chief, Driver Control Bureau, Division of Vehicles

Others attending: See attached list.

Senator Oleen opened the meeting by recognizing Senator Jones who introduced Carlanda McKinney, Christopher Herviey, and Marquita Bass, students at West Middle School in Kansas City who served as pages for the committee today.

The chair announced that subcommittee work would begin today, time permitting, and continue Thursday and Friday on two bills: **SB 322**, relating to private detectives/agencies, and **SB 496**, concerning bids and request for proposals. She advised that Senator Harrington would chair the subcommittee on **SB 496**, with Senators Becker and Biggs as members, and Senator Jones would chair the subcommittee on **SB 322**, with Senators Schraad and Bleeker as members.

Senator Oleen called on staff to brief the committee on **SB 651**, concerning certain alcohol and drug-related offenses and interlock ignition devices. The bill was introduced by the Committee on Judiciary at the request of Lifesaver Interlock, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio. Due to the length of **SB 651**, staff summarized its amendments, section by section, and Mr. Gary Carter, Chief of the Driver Control Bureau, Division of Vehicles, was called upon to respond to questions from committee members seeking additional clarification of current law, specifically in regard to the various levels of penalties for alcohol-related driving offenses.

Senator Becker remarked that the bill appeared convoluted if its intent was to address the ignition interlock issue and inquired if a fiscal note was available. The chair advised that the bill had not been introduced long enough for a fiscal note to be generated, but that the Division of Vehicles had indicated it would require two additional office assistant positions and some, one-time, operating expenses.

Senator Oleen welcomed Mr. Richard Freund, President of LifeSaver Interlock, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, who had been invited to appear before the committee to demonstrate the ignition interlock device. Mr. Freund explained that the device was a hand-held breathalyzer which is computer equipped with memory capacity to record information. He said the device is usually installed in the vehicle by mounting it on the dash near the steering wheel or on the console and hard-wired into the ignition. Mr. Freund told the committee that, when the vehicle door is opened, a motion sensor turns the device on and it becomes the key to start the vehicle. He demonstrated the breathing apparatus and manner in which it is used to test for alcohol content level, along with the device's retest features. Features that would prevent circumventing the device were also explained, as well as its ability to record information for a specific period of time which, he said, could be provided to licensing authorities as part of the compliance program.

At the conclusion of the demonstration, in response to an inquiry from a committee member, Mr. Freund estimated the cost of the device would average two dollars a day for the term of the program, or approximately sixty dollars per month.

Senator Oleen announced that the committee would take action tomorrow on **SB 564**, relating to qualifications of the adjutant general, and that an amendment would be offered on **SB 610**, concerning intoxicating liquors and beverages.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 1998.

SENATE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
John Reinhart	Life-Safe Interlock
Richard Freund	Life-Safe Interlock, Inc.
Steve Krawiec	" " "
Paula K. King	
Bonnie S. Tankersley	
Marquante Pettingill	
Gene Johnson	Ks A.S.A. Assoc.
Gary Carter	KDOR
Ely M. Blinn	KDOR
Alan Anderson	KDOR
Ann Durkes	DOB