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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Susan Wagle at 1:30 P.M. on February 18, 1999 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Franklin, excused

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Russell Mills, Legislative Research  
Judy Swanson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Chair Susan Wagle opened up committee discussion on **HB 2031**, State fish.

Rep. Edmonds made a motion to strike the enacting clause of **HB 2031**. Rep. Freeborn seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Rep. Klein made a motion to report **HB 2031** favorable for passage. Rep. Mayans seconded the motion. The motion carried. Reps. Edmonds and Freeborn asked to be recorded as voting NO.

Discussion was held on **HB 2240**, concealed weapons. Rep. Freeborn said she had polled each of the sheriffs in her district and had one favorable response for the bill. Rep. Edmonds, NRA member, stated he thought the bill was good policy, however feels the bill will be vetoed by the Governor; therefore it would be a waste of time to work the bill.

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Rep. Edmonds moved to table **HB 2240**. Rep. Benlon seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Rep. Dahl made a motion to amend **HB 2240** on pp. 13, line 43, by striking the word "and". Rep. Ruff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rep. Freeborn moved to amend **HB 2240** on pp. 2, line 20 and line 23 by striking "felony or", and on pp. 3, line 21 by adding, "as requalified by completion of an approved course". Rep. Klein seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Rep. Faber made a motion to conceptually amend **HB 2240** in order that state law would not pre-empt local, city and county ordinances, on pp. 8, New Section 16, by striking Sub section A. Rep. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Rep. Ruff made a motion to amend **HB 2240**, on pp. 4, line 26, by changing the word "received" to "retained". Rep. Mayans seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Rep. Rehorn moved to amend **HB 2240** on pp. 6, line 32, by adding "(n) in any private residence without the resident's permission". Rep. Peterson seconded the motion.

Rep. Faber made a substitute motion to report **HB 2240** as amended favorable for passage. Rep. Vining seconded the motion.

After discussion, Rep. Faber withdrew his motion. Rep. Vining withdrew her second of the motion.

The vote on Rep. Rehorn's original motion was taken and failed by a 10 to 10 vote.

Rep. Ruff made a motion to conceptually amend **HB 2240** on pp. 6, by adding (n) buildings where entities subject to the Open Meetings Act meet. There was considerable debate and discussion on the effect of

Rep. Ruff's amendment. There was no second. Rep. Ruff withdrew her motion.

Rep. Ruff made a motion to report **HB 2240** as amended favorable for passage. Representative Freeborn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 15 to 6. The following representatives requested their NO vote to be recorded: Reps. Benlon, Findley, Gilbert, Henderson, Peterson and Rehorn.

Representative Freeborn made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 16 and 17 Committee meetings. Rep. Vickery seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chair Wagle announced there would be no Committee meeting on February 19. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 22.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

