

Approved: January 19, 1999
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:15 a.m. on January 13, 1999 in Room 245-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Rip Gooch
Senator Ben Vidricksen

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: John Federico, Kansas Cable Telecommunications, Inc.

Others attending:

Senator Oleen opened the meeting by recognizing the new committee member, Senator John Vratil.

The chair recognized Ben Barrett, who briefed the committee on the main provisions of a Legislative Compensation Pay Bill that was proposed by the Legislative Pay Commission established by statute of the 1998 legislature. The new provisions will not become effective until the 2001 Legislative Session. The main provisions of the new bill will change the compensation for legislators from a daily rate to an annual rate and provide voucher travel allowance for legislators who represent districts containing more than one county and attends a legislative meeting in a county other than the one of residence when the legislature is not in session.

Senator Oleen ask for clarification of the February 1, 1999 deadline for passage of the bill. Mr. Barrett stated that this was the date set by the legislature for passage of this bill

Senator Oleen stated that a draft copy of the bill had been prepared by Revisors of Statutes and asked for an introduction of the bill.

Senator Vratil moved for introduction of the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Becker. The motion carried.

John Federico, Federico Consulting, representing Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association appeared before the committee to request introduction of a bill concerning restrictions on certain premises owners relating to television services. Mr. Federico explained the bill as a video competition bill, it prohibits the owner of an apartment complex from receiving payment for exclusive rights to provide that service, so that tenants can have whatever service they want.

Senator Vratil asked how this statute would be enforced if landlords did not comply with the bill. Mr. Federico stated that this could be pursued in court with an action filed by the provider denied access and will see if the penalty issue needs to be added to the bill.

Senator Becker moved for introduction of the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Jones. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, Room 254-E, Statehouse,
at 11:15 a.m. on January 13, 1999

Mary Galligan reviewed the Report of the Special Committee on Federal and State Affairs (copy can be obtained from Legislative Research Department) on the Recodification of State Liquor Laws. ABC presented the Committee a proposed draft bill designed to implement consolidation of the existing acts and create statutory local government licensing and regulatory authority. The issue of limitations of home rule power that might come about as a result of recodification were expressed by local units of government. That bill would provide by statute local government licensing and regulatory authority. In the bill there are four specific areas that cities would not be able to enact ordinances regulating: 1) pricing restrictions, 2) advertising content, 3) brand blocking and 4) trade practices. The issue has been assigned to the committee.

Russell Mills reviewed the Special Committee's report of Executive Reorganization of Public Safety Agencies. The scope of this study topic was the issue of hazardous materials (Hazmat) emergency response. The Committee did hear testimony from most law enforcement agencies which would be involved in any proposed consolidation. The Governor had appointed a task force to review the issue and presented a Hazmat response plan endorsed by the Governor to the committee. This plan places the State Fire Marshall in the coordinating role for the various agencies. The Special Committee recommend that a coordinated policy relative to hazardous materials emergency response programs be developed in Kansas and that legislation be introduced to implement the Governor's Hazmat Response Plan. The Committee also recommends the establishment of a 1-800 number for requesting a response to a Hazmat incident.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 14, 1999.