

Approved: February 18, 1999
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:00 a.m. on February 11, 1999 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Bleeker, excused

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

Others attending: See Attached sheet

Senator Oleen asked for action on Minutes for the committee for February 1 and February 4. Senator Jones moved the minutes be approved. Senator Biggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Oleen stated that a substitute motion was made at the rail yesterday for introduction of bills so Senator Vratil renewed his motion to the committee. Senator Vratil moved that effective January 8, 2001, each legislator whether current or future have the option of participating in KPERS with no annualized income or participating in a deferred compensation plan with the state contribution of 8% and the additional option of the state legislator contributing up to an additional 17% from the legislators salary. Senator Becker seconded the motion. Jack Hawn was asked to explain how the KPERS section would work regarding current and new legislators. Motion Passed.

Chairman Oleen stated that there was a need to clarify the effective dates of the bill. The effective date as passed out was the Register, but bookkeeping and accounting procedures needed to be considered. Senator Becker moved that both constituent services and salary start July 1, 1999 Senator Jones seconded the motion. Following discussion by the committee motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Becker moved to pass the bill favorably out of the committee. Senator Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Oleen called the committee's attention to written testimony received this date from Kansas Farm Bureau in support of **SB 161 (Attachment 1)** and opened the meeting for discussion on **SB 161**. Senator Biggs made a motion to report **SB 161** favorable to the full Senate. Senator Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Oleen announced that there would be no meeting on February 12. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting of the committee will be February 15, 1999.

SENATE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
<i>Jack Hawn</i>	<i>KPERB</i>
<i>Debby Hemmy</i>	<i>Federico Consulting</i>
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Senator Lana Oleen, Chair
Senate Committee on Federal & State Affairs
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Dear Senator Oleen and
Members of the Committee on Federal & State Affairs,

Kansas Farm Bureau members are strongly committed to furthering educational programs that inform Kansans, especially children, about the dangers associated with drug and alcohol use. Our support for these programs, including the D.A.R.E. program, was reaffirmed this past November when our voting delegate body, comprised of agriculture producers from all 105 Kansas counties, adopted policy for 1999. As such, we respectfully request the Senate Committee on Federal & State Affairs support SB 161.

We strongly support education, enforcement and rehabilitation actions that will reduce alcohol and drug abuse in Kansas and across the U.S. The D.A.R.E. program can play a vital part in the educational campaign against alcohol and drug abuse.

Farm Bureaus realize funding for these types of programs is often an issue. We support funding provided by the state and federal government from revenues obtained through taxes on alcohol and related industries.

County Farm Bureaus across the state provide numerous health and safety programs each year. Kansas Farm Bureau is also a sponsor of the Wheat State Crime Prevention Award. These activities are part of our organization's efforts to improve the quality of life in our great state. Likewise, we support the D.A.R.E. program in its efforts to help the youth of Kansas maintain a healthy lifestyle by staying away from drugs and alcohol.

You will find a copy of our KFB Policy on "Drug Abuse and the Drinking Driver" attached to this letter. If you have any questions regarding our position on SB 161, please contact us. We can be reached by phone at 785/234-4535. We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of SB 161 and we would ask again for your support.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Kaufman, Assistant Director
Public Affairs Division



Sen. Federal & State Affairs Comm.
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Attachment: # 1-1

1999 Kansas Farm Bureau Policy

Drug Abuse and the Drinking Driver

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We strongly support education, enforcement and rehabilitation actions that will reduce the problems of drug and alcohol abuse in Kansas and across the nation.

We support programs to inform all citizens on the effects of alcohol and drug abuse in regard to the privilege of operating a motor vehicle. Kansas DUI statutes need to be vigorously enforced. Education for children should commence in Kindergarten and be continued through Grade 12. Funding for such alcohol and drug abuse education should be provided by the state or federal government from taxes on alcohol and related industries. We support effective rehabilitation programs for alcohol and drug abusers.