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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:35 a.m. on April 29, 1999 in Room 359-E of the Capitol.

All members were present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Barbara Lawrence
 Elizabeth Mathews, USD 383
 Sharon Prothe, USD 383

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

Chairman Oleen opened hearings on **SB 361- School districts; authorizing boards of education to enter into contracts with state educational institutions for food services**

Staff from Legislative Research Department reviewed the bill for the committee. This bill would expand the school food services to contract with State Educational Institutions or with corporations whose operations are substantially controlled by State Education Institutions for the purpose of providing meals at State University functions or at sporting events.

Chairman Oleen recognized Senator Lawrence who appeared as a proponent for **SB 361**. Senator Lawrence stated that Kansas schools do not have true home rule. This bill is needed in order that school cafeterias to be allowed to do what they do best. Senator Lawrence stated that the facilities and workers are already available, and want to do this. She requested that the committee favorably consider the bill.

Chairman Oleen recognized Elizabeth Mathews, USD 383, a proponent for this bill. Ms. Mathews stated that **SB 361** would allow USD 383 to use the central kitchen to provide service on a contractual basis to Kansas State University and auxiliary units. (Attachment 1) She stated that it would allow for better utilization of facilities and equipment for the school district and that it would also foster a partnership with the public sector while expanding the professional food service development in unique career opportunities. She stated that school food service is expected to be self supporting and this would provide one more means for this. Ms. Mathews ask the committee to favorably consider **SB 361**.

Senator Vratil questioned if this would place the public school system, which is tax supported, in direct competition with private business. Ms. Mathews stated that these services would be an open bidding process and would be awarded on these basis.

Chairman Oleen closed the hearing on **SB 361**.

Chairman Oleen requested action on **SB 361**. Senator Becker moved to pass the bill favorably to the full Senate. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen asked for action on minutes of the committee for April 7, April 7 Rail, April 9 and April 28 Rail meeting. Senator Becker moved to approved the minutes for April 7, 9, and Rail meeting of April 7 and 28. Senator Vratil seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m. Chairman Oleen announced that there would be another meeting of the committee upon call of the chair.

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Amendment or Clause SB - 361 to permit school food service programs of State schools to provide service on a contractual basis to Regents institutions and auxiliary units.

Rationale:

- More self supporting as a service unit
- Better utilization of facilities and equipment
- Fostering partnership with public sectors
- Ability to supplement general funding shortfalls (i.e.; fringe benefits truck repair, upgrade equipment, continuing education)
- Expand professional food service development in unique career opportunities (sports hospitality, etc.)