

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 1:30 P.M. on February 9, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees:

None

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Edmonds called the meeting to order and opened the floor for bill introductions.

Senator Steineger requested a bill similar to **SB 172** that would down size the legislature reducing the Senate to 30 and the House to 90. The Senator related that there are a number of western oriented states around us who also have small populations and they have a smaller Legislature. (Attachment 1)

Without objection, this was accepted for introduction.

Representative Merrick requested a bill enacting the Kansas Blue Sky Act, prohibiting certain acts with respect to sales of certain business properties; providing penalties and remedies for violations.

Without objection, this was accepted for introduction.

Representative Oharah requested a bill making English the official language of Kansas.

Representative Loganbill objected.

Chairman Edmonds asked that Representative Oharah make his request in the form of a motion.

Representative Oharah made a motion that a bill be introduced making English the official language of Kansas. Representative Dahl seconded the motion.

Vote was taken. Motion passed.

Representative Judith Loganbill and Representative Melody Miller wished to be recorded as voting no.

Representative Novascone requested the introduction of a bill authorizing licensed retailers to make purchases from persons licensed in other states under certain circumstances.

With no objection, this was accepted for introduction.

Representative Carlin requested the introduction of a bill regarding the fees that are connected with foreign adoptions, these are called aposteling fees. The aposteling fee is the fee charged by the Secretary of State for verifying a document.

With no objection, this was accepted for introduction.

Representative Ruff requested the introduction of a bill regarding firearms which would standardize throughout the state the sale, transfer and storage of such.

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With no objection, this was accepted for introduction.

Representative Mah requested introduction of a bill regarding limiting video lottery for Kansas Veterans and Fraternal Organizations.

With no objection, this was accepted for introduction.

The Chair offered a bill dealing with a ban on smoking in public similar to the one currently enacted in the City of Lawrence.

With no objection, this was accepted for introduction.

The Chair offered a bill dealing with a security freeze on consumer credit files.

With no objection, this was accepted for introduction.

Chairman Edmonds also offered a bill dealing with gaming contract approval procedures. Specifically, this would remove from the LLC the authority to approve gaming contracts when the Legislature is not in session.

With no objection, this bill was accepted for introduction.

Hearing no further bill introductions and with no further business before the committee, Chairman Edmonds adjourned the meeting.



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**Senate Bill No. 172**

1. SB 172 downsizes Kansas Government at the point where most big government and big tax ideas come from: The Legislature.
2. Kansas is a small population state; we need a smaller sized Legislature to match. Other western oriented, small population states, such as Colorado, Nebraska, Idaho, Arizona, Oregon, and Wyoming, have smaller Legislatures.
3. SB 172 accomplishes this goal in the least painful manner, by waiting until after the 2010 redistricting goes into effect.
4. Although SB 172 is silent on this issue, I would suggest that savings realized be allocated for an approximate 33 percent Legislative pay raise and a Session Secretary for every Legislator.

FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

Date 2-9-05

Attachment 1

By Senator Steineger

AN ACT pertaining to the legislature; relating to the size thereof; amending K.S.A. 4-101 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 4-101 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4-101. From and after January 14, 2013, the senate shall consist of ~~forty~~ 30 members, and the house of representatives of ~~one-hundred-and-twenty-five~~ 90 members.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 4-101 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.