

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 January 24, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ray Merrick- excused
Representative Candy Ruff- excused
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:

Representative Miller

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Edmonds opened the floor for bill introductions. Representative Dillmore requested the introduction of a bill involving amending the current statute to be in conformity with federal rules as far as employee charitable contributions. With no objections, this was accepted for introduction.

Representative Siegfroid requested a bill having to do with pornography in schools. With no objection, this was accepted for introduction.

The Chairman requested a bill concerning state officers and employees; relating to legal holidays for state service, a bill requiring employers to give paid leave to certain veterans on Veterans' Day; providing penalties for violations, a bill dealing with the militia, defense and public safety and other missions to the descriptions of activities requested by the commander in chief, a bill amending HB 2518 and repealing an existing section, a bill to certify security officers and resource protection officers as law enforcement officials, and a bill to amend the Kansas Intrastate Emergency Mutual Aid Agreements. With no objection, these bills were accepted for introduction.

Representative Melody Miller came before the committee with a briefing on a bill which has no number at this time, but is relating to disproportionate minority contact in our juvenile justice system. Representative Miller provided statistics from the Sedgwick County DMC regarding the African American youth and the juvenile justice decision points showing actual percentages. (Attachment 1) The Representative further related that this bill presents an opportunity to put into place a process that either eliminates and/or reduces the number of offenders at an approximate cost savings of \$28-30,000 a person and strongly supports the passage of this bill.

Representative Miller requested that this bill be accepted conceptually for introduction. With no objections this was accepted for introduction.

With no further business before the committee, Chairman Edmonds adjourned the meeting.