

Approved: March 29, 2000
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Tony Powell at 1:30 p.m. on March 13, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Rehorn, excused
Representative Henderson, excused
Representative Mayans, excused

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Garner

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Powell opened the meeting.

Without objection a companion House bill will be introduced as requested by Chairman Powell similar to **SB 607**, Interlocal agreements with Native American Indian Tribes, which was introduced in the Senate by the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations. [**HB 3033**, introduced March 14]

The hearing was opened on **HB 2970**, Creating the Kansas civil rights history project task force.

Representative Garner introduced the bill explaining that it would establish the Kansas Civil Rights History Project (Attachment #1). He pointed out that Kansas has a very rich civil rights history, playing a significant role in civil rights and race relations in our nation's development and that we need to acquire a better understanding of this role and proudly promote it through tourism and historic preservation.

In response to questions Representative Garner stated it was hoped the bill would generate interest among universities and others interested in providing curriculum for study of the civil rights history of Kansas. Developing historic sites in addition to Monroe School would promote heritage tourism in Kansas.

Representative Powell noted the fiscal note was \$24,668 from the General Fund for the meeting of the committee in the interim to prepare recommendations for the 2001 Legislative Session.

Meeting was closed on **HB 2970**.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is March 14.