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MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on February 16, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Steve Morris - excused
Senator Tim Owens - excused

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Gary Hallmark, SRS
Rene Slinkard, Kansas Citizens for Immigration Law Enforcement
W. Paul Degener, Topeka, Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Gary Hallmark, Deputy Secretary for Disability and Behavioral Health Services, requested a bill introduction regarding clinic addiction counselors to practice without a clinic.

Senator Ostmeyer moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Longbine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 399 – Kansas workers and community partnership act, undocumented aliens

Chairman Brungardt continued the hearing on **SB 399**.

Rene Slinkard, Kansas Citizens for Immigration Law enforcement, appeared as an opponent on the bill. (Attachment 1) Ms. Slinkard stated that there is not a shortage of workers in the business workplace, and that business owners initiative is to hire low income workers who are willing to work for less; and the Kansas citizen is forced to pick up the remainder of the income and expenses to support the illegal aliens. A petition was provided and an article from VDare.com.

W. Paul Degener, Topeka, Kansas, spoke in opposition to the bill. (Attachment 2) Mr. Degener stated that by providing a lawful work force for Kansas industries, that the state will make illegal aliens (law breakers) into a lawful work force.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Jim Edwards, Assistant Executive Director, Kansas Association of School Boards, provided written testimony as neutral on the bill. (Attachment 3) This bill would provide other avenues to allow those parents of students to continue working and paying taxes while providing a supportive atmosphere for their children to gain an education and become future productive citizens of this state.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 399**.

Discussion and Final Action:

SB 387 – Qualifications of the state fire marshal

Staff provided a balloon to the bill. (Attachment 4)

Senator Abrams moved the amendment. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Senator Reitz moved to pass **SB 387** out favorably as amended. Senator Abrams seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

SB 301-Board of technical professions; terms of members

Staff provided a balloon to the bill. (Attachment 5)

Senator Reitz moved the amendment. Senator Abrams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Senator Reitz moved to pass **SB 301** out favorably as amended. Senator Abrams seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.