

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 March 16, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office
John Beverlin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Deena Horst
Mark Desetti, Kansas National Education Association
Karole Bradford, Safe State Kansas, Inter-Faith Ministries
Sandy Barnett, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
Kim Gulley, League of Kansas Municipalities
Wes Ashton, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
Lt. Colonel R. Keith Faddis, Overland Park Police Department
Sally Zellers, Safe Streets Topeka/Shawnee County

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Brungardt called the meeting to order. He asked the committee to take action on the approval of the minutes for February 18, February 19, February 24, March 3, and March 4.

Senator Teichman made a motion for the approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Lyon. The motion to approve the minutes for February 18, February 19, February 24, March 3, and March 4, passed.

Chairperson Brungardt asked the committee to turn its attention to **HB 2732, Commemorative coin design concept act; election held only if more than one design approved by the U.S. mint**. He welcomed Representative Deena Horst to the podium.

Representative Horst provided an overview of the bill and spoke in favor of its passage (Attachment 1).

Chairperson Brungardt asked the committee for questions.

Senator Teichman observed that the designs would be submitted to the high school children who will determine the new design for the quarter.

Representative Horst stated Senator Teichman was correct.

Senator Teichman made a motion to recommend **HB 2732** favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Senator Barnett. The motion to recommend **HB 2732** favorable for passage passed.

Chairperson Brungardt turned the committee's attention to opponents of **HB 2798, Personal and family protection act; licensing to carry concealed firearms**. He welcomed Mark Desetti to the podium.

Mr. Desetti presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2798** (Attachment 2).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Desetti and welcomed Karole Bradford to the podium.

Ms. Bradford presented testimony prepared by Kelly W. Johnston in opposition to **HB 2798** (Attachment 3).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Bradford and welcomed Sandy Barnett to the podium.

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Ms. Barnett presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2798** (Attachment 4). She also presented a chart for the committee members (Attachment 5).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Barnett and welcomed Kim Gulley to the podium.

Ms. Gulley presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2798** (Attachment 6).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Gulley and welcomed Wes Ashton to the podium.

Mr. Ashton presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2798** (Attachment 7).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Mr. Ashton and welcomed Lt. Colonel R. Keith Faddis to the podium.

Lt. Colonel Faddis presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2798** (Attachment 8).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Lt. Colonel Faddis and welcomed Sally Zellers to the podium.

Ms. Zellers presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2798** (Attachment 9).

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Ms. Zellers and called the committee's attention to written testimony from Mike Taylor of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas (Attachment 10). From Debra Kinnane, President of the Greater Wichita Pediatrics Society (Attachment 11), Janis McMillen of the Mainstream Coalition (Attachment 12), Ashley Sherard of the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 13), and Reverend Michael Poage of Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, Peace with Justice Task Force (Attachment 14).

Chairperson Brungardt asked the committee for questions.

Senator Gilstrap asked Ms. Bradford if she thought the mind set of Kansans had changed since 9/11 that would affect the survey she used in her testimony.

Ms. Bradford stated there was not a current survey. She stated it was possible that Kansans had more fear, but she did not believe their fundamental values had changed.

Senator Gilstrap asked what the proportion of the population would possibly apply to carry a concealed weapon.

Ms. Bradford stated that it is the belief that between one and four percent of the population would apply to carry a concealed weapon.

Senator Barnett asked Lt. Colonel Faddis about his opinion concerning taser guns.

Lt. Colonel Faddis explained taser guns were of limited use.

Senator Lyon asked Ms. Barnett if there were sexual assault victims who would feel safer carrying a concealed weapon.

Ms. Barnett stated that there may be some women that feel safer with concealed weapons.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked the conferees. He asked the committee to turn its attention to **SB 290, Revising the membership of the capitol area plaza authority**. He asked Theresa Kiernan to provide an overview of the bill. Chairperson Brungardt informed the committee that a part of the Attorney General's opinion on the bill was in front of them.

Senator Clark pointed out that there was still a problem with what property is contained within the authority of the Capitol Area Plaza Authority.

Chairperson Brungardt decided no further action could be taken on **SB 290** until they solved the problem of what property is contained in the Authority's authority. He thanked the committee.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in room 231-N.