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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlen Siegfleid at 1:30 P.M. on March 10, 2008, in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Jeannie Dillon, Committee Assistant

Conferees: Carmen Alldritt

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Siegfleid opened the meeting for bill introductions. Representative Peterson requested that the Committee introduce a bill entitled the Military Service Relief Act as a Committee bill. Moved by Chairman Siegfleid,, seconded by Representative Huebert, without objection, the bill was accepted as a Committee bill.

Representative Faust-Goudeau requested a bill for a fatherhood initiative program. Moved by Chairman Siegfleid, seconded by Representative Peterson, without objection, the bill was accepted as a Committee bill.

Chairman Siegfleid welcomed Carmen Alldritt, Division of Vehicles, to update the Committee on compliance on REAL ID. She stated that after the passage of SB 9, word got out that Kansas is not an easy state anymore, and you must prove lawful presence in Kansas. Statewide, the number of non-resident applicants dropped significantly. (Attachment 1)

The Chairman reported that after reading all the material submitted to the Committee, the greatest concern of business regarding the immigration bills is with the E-Verify system. He said that there seems to be a 4.1 and a 4.6 error ration that it is based on. He asked the Committee if there was an objection to not working HB 2370. Hearing no objection, the bill was tabled.

The Chairman asked the Committee to accept an amendment to HB 2836. Jason Long explained the amendment to HB 2836 to the Committee. The balloon consisted of the following changes:

Incorporates phase-in of E-Verify requirements in section 3.

Changed penalty provisions so that suspension of business license would not occur until second violation.

Removed Section 7, 14 and 15 regarding limitations on tax deductions for business expenses related to hiring unauthorized aliens.

Representative Peterson proposed that we introduce HB 2836 in the balloon form as a Committee bill and the Committee select a sub-committee to report back to the Committee in a week. The Chairman did not accept the recommendation.

Moved by Representative Siegfleid, seconded by Representative Peterson, the Committee accepted the amendment to HB 2836.

Representative Huebert made a motion to strike all the language in SB 329 and insert the proposed language of HB 2836 into SB 329 and to accept it as a substitute Committee bill. The motion was

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seconded by Representative Mah. By unanimous vote, the motion was passed.

Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes, briefed the Committee on House Substitute for SB 329. This was followed by a question and answer period by the Committee.

Joan Wagon, Secretary of Revenue, spoke briefly to the Committee regarding removal of Section 9 and 10. She also drew the Committee's attention to Section 5 and Subsection C which gives them an opportunity to sign an affidavit. She explained the reasons and noted that she had other issues to discuss with the Committee regarding drivers licenses, but time did not allow for discussion at this meeting. (No written testimony submitted)

The Chairman announced that the Committee would meet again on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, for discussion and possible action on SB 329. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 11, 2008.