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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 March 21, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sherry Diel, Kansas Real Estate Commission
Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors

Others attending:

See attached list.

HB 2561 - Licensure of real estate brokers and salespersons

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2561**.

Sherry Diel, Kansas Real Estate Commission, appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 1) This bill would create two new sections and amend three existing sections of the Real Estate Brokers' and Salespersons' License Act, KSA 58-3034 et seq.

Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 2) The bill would change the qualifications for obtaining a real estate salespersons's license to eliminate the six-month temporary salesperson license and the 30 hour post-license course and require all out-of-state real estate licensees who apply for real estate licenses in the state of Kansas to pass the Kansas portion of the real estate examination and complete a practice course related to Kansas-specific real estate law. An applicant for a broker's license would complete a four-hour course on Kansas-specific real estate law and compete the Kansas portion of the real estate examination. This would ensure that consumers in the state of Kansas are receiving real estate services from qualified real estate professionals.

The Revisor raised the question of the certain sections that were taken out of **HB 2295** and those sections are still in **HB 2561**. The two bills would have to be reconciled because of the conflicts in statutes.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2561**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am. The next scheduled meeting is March 22, 2007.