

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:00 a.m. on January 18, 2000 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Ben Vidricksen, Excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Sherman Jones
Senator Rip Gooch

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

Chairman Oleen called for introduction of bills. There were none.

The Chairman asked staff to brief the committee on **SB 375**, concerning African-American Affairs, appointments of members. The bill staggers the appointments of members of the African-American Affairs committee so their terms will not all expire on the same date. The effective date would be after its publication in the Kansas register.

The hearing was opened on:

SB 375 An Act concerning the advisory committee on African-American affairs; appointments of members

Senator Sherman Jones appeared as a proponent for **SB 375**. Senator Jones stated he was contacted by the current chairman of the Kansas African-American affairs, Janet Lloyd Williams, to change the terms of the appointments. This matter was addressed last year and **SB 56** was amended in the House Appropriations Committee, but no action was taken on the bill.

Senator U. L. "Rip" Gooch spoke as a proponent for **SB 375**. Senator Gooch stated that it was important to move the bill quickly because of the expiration date of the current appointments and asked the committee for immediate action.

Senator Jones made a motion to place **SB 375** on the Senate Consent Calendar, and Senator Harrington seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Chairman Oleen inquired whether or not there were any vacancies on the board at this time. Senator Jones stated that there was one vacancy. Senator Oleen suggested to the Kansas Department of Human Resources official they check with the Governor's appointment secretary on this vacancy in order to coordinate the congressional districts as outlined in the bill.

Senator Jones introduced Bryce Meeker, as his intern for the legislative session. Bryce is a student of the University of Kansas and is from Kansas City, Kansas.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting will be January 19, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.