

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Ostmeyer at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Joanna Wochner, Legislative Research Department
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jay Emler, Kansas Corporation Commission
Brandon Jones, Ottawa, Kansas
Jeff Chanay, Attorney General's Office

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Confirmation Hearing

Chairman Ostmeyer stated the committee was concluding the hearing on the Governors nominee for appointment for Phillis Setchell, member, State Civil Service Board. The term is a four year term ending March 15, 2019. The Chairman noted that Ms. Setchell had updated her packet with all questions addressed.

The Chairman called for a motion on the confirmation.

Senator Olson made a motion to move to the full Senate the confirmation for appointment Phillis Setchell, Member, State Civil Service Board, which expires March 15, 2019. Senator Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Ostmeyer opened the Confirmation Hearings.

Chairman Ostmeyer stated the committee was conducting two hearings for confirmation: Jay Emler, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission and Brandon Jones, Member, Racing and Gaming Commission.

Chairman Ostmeyer stated the first confirmation hearing on the Governors nominee for reappointment was Jay Emler, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission. The term is a four year term ending March 15, 2019. The Chairman noted that the confirmation packet had been delivered to each committee member for their review and consideration on the confirmation hearing.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Chairman welcomed Jay Emler to the podium for comments. ([Attachment 1](#)) Mr. Emler provided a brief update on his education and work history and introduced his wife, Lorraine. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation.

The Chairman called for a motion on the confirmation.

Senator Wilborn made a motion to move to the full Senate the confirmation for appointment Jay Emler, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission, which expires March 15, 2019. Senator Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Ostmeyer stated the second confirmation hearing on the Governors nominee for appointment was Brandon Jones, member, Racing and Gaming Commission. The term is a four year term ending January 15, 2017. The Chairman noted that the confirmation packet had been delivered to each committee member for their review and consideration on the confirmation hearing.

The Chairman welcomed Brandon Jones to the podium for comments. ([Attachment 2](#)) Mr. Jones provided a brief update on his education and work history. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation.

The Chairman called for a motion on the confirmation.

Senator Olson made a motion to move to the full Senate the confirmation for appointment Brandon Jones, Member, Racing and Gaming Commission, which expires January 15, 2017. Senator LaTurner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senate Substitute for HB 2228 - Abortion; administration of abortifacient drugs

Jeff Chanay, Chief Deputy Attorney General, provided testimony in support of modifying the language on the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)) The new language will restore the language to a form that satisfies the States' interest in narrowing the pending litigation.

A balloon was provided with revised language. ([Attachment 4](#))

Senator LaTurner moved to adopt the balloon. Senator Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Olson moved to pass **Senate Sub for HB 2228** out favorably as amended. Senator LaTurner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.