

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlen Siegfried at 1:30 P.M. on March 22, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Forrest Knox- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Carol Doel, Committee Assistant

Conferees:

John Lewis - Lenexa, Kansas
Doug Anstaett - Kansas Press Association
Trent Sebitts - Americans for Prosperity
Harriet Lange - Kansas Association of Broadcasters
Randall Allen - Association of Counties
Kim Winn - League of Kansas Municipalities
Dale Goter - City of Wichita
Karl Peterjohn - Kansas Taxpayers Network

Others attending:

See attached list

The Chair opened the floor for introduction of bills, hearing none, the meeting was opened for public hearing on **HB 2553** - Governmental entity lobbyists; special reporting requirements.

John Lewis, citizen of Lenexa, Kansas appeared before the Committee to deliver testimony supporting **HB 2553**. Mr. Lewis stated that he can think of no greater misuse of taxpayer dollars than their use by one unit of government to lobby another unit of government. Therefore, he feels that the way this money is used should be available to the tax paying public. ([Attachment 1](#))

Doug Anstaett, Executive Director, Kansas Press Association, supports **HB 2553** voicing the opinion that the Association was arguing about whether it was right or wrong for some units of government to lobby other units of government, but he wished to argue that those expenditures should be more transparent and certainly easier to track when they come from the taxpayers of Kansas. ([Attachment 2](#))

Americans for Prosperity was represented by Trent Sebitts, Policy Director, to present their support for **HB 2553**. Mr. Sebitts related that this bill will help shine a light on just how much money government entities are funneling to organizations whose mission is to hire a lobbyist, but avoids having that lobbyist be an employee or even under contract by that government entity. ([Attachment 3](#))

Harriet Lange, President, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, provided testimony supporting **HB 2553** stating that if the bill is enacted, it will make it easier for the public to access information about the amount of tax dollars being spent to influence legislation. ([Attachment 4](#))

Karl Peterjohn, Kansas Taxpayers Network, came before the Committee to provide support to **HB 2553**. Mr. Peterjohn opined that the bill would expand reporting requirements for taxpayer funded lobbyists in Kansas which is a reform that is much needed and long overdue. ([Attachment 5](#))

Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties, Randall Allen, related that they are neutral to **HB 2553**. It is their opinion that because they are already subject to the Kansas Open Records Act, that the additional reporting required by the bill is unnecessary. ([Attachment 6](#))

Kim Winn, Director of Policy Development and Communications, League of Kansas Municipalities, stated that they are not opposed to **HB 2553**, however, they have two specific concerns about the current language. They submitted an amendment for a change of language. ([Attachment 7](#))

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Dale Goter, City of Wichita, spoke in opposition to **HB 2553** stating that he sees both sides of the situation and with salaries, expenses and such already a matter of public record, he feels that the bill is unnecessary. (No Written Testimony)

With no other person wishing to speak to **HB 2553**, the Chair closed the hearing.

The Chairman opened the floor for consideration of **HB 2367** -Public benefits; illegal aliens denied certain state and local benefits.

Representative Kinzer moved language in lines 34 through 36 of **HB 2367** be stricken and replaced with "lawful presence in the United States as provided in 8 U.S.C.A. 1101 et seq." Representative Olson made a second to the motion.

Representative Mah made a substitute motion to remove the language from **HB 2367** and insert it into **HB 2163** with a second by Representative McCray-Miller. Motion failed.

Returning to the Kinzer amendment on **HB 2367**, vote was taken, motion passed.

The Chair offered an amendment that reflects the employers' requirement of the Federal Law. Representative Huebert made a second to the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Swenson made a motion to strike section (d) from **HB 2367**. Representative McCray-Miller seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Representative Dillmore moved that sections 1 through 5 of **HB 2163** be amended into **HB 2367**. Representative Swenson made a second to the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Kinzer made a motion to move **HB 2367** as amended favorable for passage with a second from Representative Morrison. Motion passed.

The following representatives wished to be recorded as voting no.

Representative Ruiz
Representative Faust-Goudeau
Representative Henderson
Representative Loganbill
Representative Hawk
Representative McCray-Miller

Chairman Siegfroid opened the floor for consideration of **HB 2412** - Driver's license penalties related to minors' access to alcohol.

Representative Kinzer presented a balloon for **HB 2412** which would change the 180 days throughout the bill to 30 days and add (3) *The provisions of subsections (1) and (2) shall not apply to a business or entity licensed pursuant to chapter 41, of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, the licensee or an employee or agent of the business or entity acting within the normal course and scope of such person's duties and employment after line 38 page 5. The same language would be added to page 6 after line 39. On page 7, after line 16 would be added the language (d) When a person under age 18 is cited or arrested for a violation of this section, the law enforcement agency employing the arresting officer shall make a reasonable attempt to notify such person's custodial parent or guardian of the citation or arrest. Page 8 would have a new section 6. (Attachment 8)*

Representative Dillmore moved that **HB 2412** be moved as amended favorable for passage. Representative Ruiz seconded the bill. Motion passed.

Chairman Siegfroid opened the floor for consideration on **SB 152**.

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Representative Brown offered an amendment to **SB 152** that all darkened language in the bill be deleted which will return the bill to where it is handled like a vacancy of a U.S. Representative. (See Copy of New Language Attachment 9) Representative Huebert made a second to the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Carlson moved an amendment to **SB 152** to remove line 28 page 2 and add “the ballot shall indicate that the person elected at such election shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified at the next primary and general election for United States Representative” with a second by Representative Brown. Motion passed.

Representative Brown moved **SB 152** be moved favorable for passage as amended with a second by Representative Morrison. Motion passed.

The Chairman opened the floor for consideration of **HB 2299**.

Representative Kinzer made a motion to pass **HB 2299** favorable for passage. Representative Olson made a second.

Representative Loganbill made a substitute motion to **HB 2299** to establish a state wide domestic registry to be known as the Kansas Domestic Partnership Registry. All domestic partnerships occurring with the state shall be registered under the supervision of the Secretary of Health and Environment as provided in K.S.A. 65-102. Representative Swenson seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Returning to the bill and the motion by Representative Kinzer to pass **HB 2299** favorable for passage and with a second by Representative Olson a vote was taken and motion passed.

Chairman Siegfroid entertained a motion to approve the minutes from March 19th.

Representative Ruiz moved the minutes with a second by Representative Olson. Motion passed.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.