

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 1:30 p.m. on February 16, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson- excused
Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes- excused
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tuck Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesale Association
Phil Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association
Tom Groneman, Director of Alcohol and Beverage Control Division, Department of Revenue

Others attending:

See attached list.

Jeff Glendening of the Kansas Chamber requested proposed legislation dealing with the Employee Free Choice Act. Representative Holmes moved for the introduction of the legislation with a second by Representative Olson. Motion carried.

Representative Grant moved for the approval of minutes from January 29, February 3, 5, 9, 10, and 11 with the exception of the spelling of Representative Benlon's name in the January 29 minutes. Motion was seconded by Representative Benlon. Motion carried.

Hearing on HB 2180 - Alcoholic beverages; wine lockers in a drinking establishment.

Revisor Mike Heim reviewed the contents of the bill which would allow a drinking establishment to store wine on its premise which was sold to a customer for future consumption. The bill would require the wine to be stored in its unopened condition and prohibit the wine being removed from the licensed premises in the unopened condition.

Tuck Duncan, representing the Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesale Association, presented testimony in support of the bill and also requested an amendment which would require an individual locker for each customer (Attachment 1). These lockers would be secure climate-controlled wine lockers, accessible to the customer at any time they were in the restaurant.

Phil Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, supported the bill with testimony which included a friendly amendment which would add the same ability in Class A & B licenses (Attachment 2). It would allow the same service in places like country clubs and other fraternal establishments.

Tom Groneman, Director of Alcohol and Beverage Control, spoke in support of the proposed legislation and also the proposed amendments. Both Mr. Duncan and Mr. Bradley were in agreement with the proposed amendments,

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.