

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Doug Mays at 1:35 p.m. on March 5, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Ethel Peterson, Excused
Representative Daniel Williams, Excused

Committee staff present: Theresa M. Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Shelia Pearman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Lana Gordon
Brad Hamilton, Director of Native American Affairs
Don Chubb, Topeka Historian
Phillip Bradley, Kansas License Beverage Association

Others attending: See attached list

Without objection the subject of SB117 will be introduced as requested by Representative Ruff regarding shooting range protection. [HB 2558]

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Representative Wilson regarding rail service improvement. [HB 2559]

Chairman Mays opened the hearing on HCR 5021 - Naming of state office building for Charles Curtis. Representative Gordon proposed naming the new state office building on the southwest corner of 10th and Kansas in Topeka in honor of Kansas' highest ranking native, Vice President Charles Curtis. (Attachment #1) His long list of accomplishments speak volumes of his service to Native Americans and Kansans.

Mr. Hamilton noted Curtis during his 38 years of public service was a leader in employment and labor issues including the Anti-Child Labor Amendment and ranging from tariff act protecting farm interests to Civil War veterans' compensation issues. Curtis was a self-taught lawyer at age 21, and his story is an example of the great American dream. (Attachment #2)

Mr. Chubb provided additional facts of Curtis life as a jockey, a Congressman and Senator. (Attachment #3) Curtis lived with his grandmother on the Kansa reservation near Council Grove for two years. He was the first Native American to hold the office of Vice President and was the highest elected native born Kansan. His descendants still live in Topeka today.

Ann Andrews provided additional details from her ongoing research of Mr. Curtis including her online research available at www.cjnetworks.com/~hvahrt/ksstudies

The hearing on HCR 5021 was closed.

Representative Hutchins moved that Committee recommend HCR 5021 favorable for adoption.
Representative Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman opened the hearing on HB 2528 - Alcoholic beverages; licensees; bond requirements, waiver.

Mr. Bradley provided written testimony (Attachment #4) in support of the bill, however recent discussions with the Secretary of Revenue and Robert Longino, Alcohol Beverage Control Acting Director has determined a change to K.A.R. 92-24-23 will provide relief to the Licensed Beverage Retailers and is presently being considered. Therefore, it is unlikely any legislative action will be needed to address this issue.

The hearing on HB 2528 was closed.

Chairman requested attention to HR 6007 - Attorney general directed to determine constitutionality and to establish that upon conception there is life.

Representative Ruff moved adoption of HR 6007. Representative Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 6, 2001.