

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:30 a.m. on March 13, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator John Vratil, Excused
Senator Pete Brungardt, Excused

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Vaughn Flora
Elias Garcia, Chairman, Kansas Democratic Hispanic Caucus
Raul Guevara, Buena Genta
Andy Sanchez, AFL-CIO Unions
Leo Prieto, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute
Ramon Powers, Executive Director

Others attending: Please see attached

Chairperson Harrington opened the public meeting on:

SCR 1620–National holiday honoring Cesar Chavez

Representative Vaughn Flora presented testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 1**)

Elias Garcia, Chairman, Kansas Democratic Hispanic Caucus, presented testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 2**)

Raul Guevara, Buena Genta, presented testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 3**)

Andy Sanchez, AFL-CIO Unions, presented testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 4**)

Leo Prieto, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, presented testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 5**)

Tina LaRosa spoke in favor of the bill. In response to a question from Senator Gooch, she stated that the present situation in Kansas was that about seventy percent of the current Hispanic population was brought to the state because of migrant work. She stated that Chavez had been a hero to migrant workers and had worked all of his life to improve both their working conditions and rights.

Senator Gooch made a motion to recommend the bill favorable for passage. Senator Gilstrap seconded that motion. The motion passed.

Ramon Powers, Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society, presented the committee with an explanation of the Kansas State Historical Society's policy regarding battle and violence reenactments. (**Attachment 6**) Mr. Powers also presented the committee with a copy of the Society's policy itself. (**Attachment 7**)

Senator Teichman stated that she would like to congratulate Mr. Powers on his retirement and thank him for his service.

Senator Gooch stated that he would like to commend Mr. Powers for not leaving the discussion of this policy unchallenged, and stated that those who come after him will certainly appreciate that. Mr. Powers stated that he would not want to do that.

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Chairperson Harrington stated that it was important for children to understand history, especially of the Civil War, and she was very glad that Mr. Powers had appeared before the committee and that the Society was not trying to change history.

Chairperson Harrington stated that Senator Les Donovan had requested a bill introduction from the committee which would not allow more than two bids for a design project.

Senator O'Connor made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senator Gilstrap made a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Teichman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on March 19, 2002 in Room 245-N.