

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on March 1, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Paul Allen, KS Bd of Accountancy  
Tony Scott, KS Society of CPA's  
Jeff Wells, KS Pest Control Assoc.  
Dale Lambley, KS Dept of Agriculture  
Luke Bell, KS Assoc. Of Realtors

Others attending:

See attached list.

**HB 2293** - Technical changes to the licensure, examination and registration of certified public accountants

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2293**.

Paul Allen, Vice-Chair, Kansas Board of Accountancy, appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 1) The bill will clean up the language for changes in the profession and for clarification to eliminate outdated requirements.

Tony Scott, Executive Director, Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 2) The bill includes substantive addition intended to enhance the ability of the Board of Accountancy to engage in compelling disciplinary-related activities.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2293**.

**HB 2314** - Board of accountancy approval of educational credit

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2314**.

Paul Allen, Vice-Chair, Kansas Board of Accountancy, appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 3) The bill would allow for fulfilling a portion of the degree requirement by non-traditional means, or alternative credits, such as advanced placement credits, credits by examination and military credits; as the law is currently written, these credits cannot be recognized as hours counting toward the 150 semester-hour requirement. An amendment was provided to restore lines 28, 40 and 41 that allows the Board the discretionary authority to accept the credits and to allow the board to promulgate a regulation that would restrict the number and types of alternative credits, as agreed to by the colleges and universities.

Tony Scott, Executive Director, Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, (KSCPA) spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 4) The bill maintains the Board's statutory authority and collective professional ability to regulate admission to the CPA examination and, ultimately, to the CPA profession. KSCPA respectfully requested the Committee to reject the amendments made by the House and return the bill to its original form.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2314**.

**HB 2268** - Qualifications of persons conducting certain insect inspections.

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2268**.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Jeff West, President Elect, Kansas Pest Control Association, appeared as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 5) The standards set by the bill are practical and the industry demands training and accountability; the recertification program currently in place in Kansas would ensure continuing education and training for persons performing WDI inspections.

Dale Lambley, Assistant to the Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 6) The bill would require individuals who perform formal inspections for termites and other wood-destroying organisms as part of a real estate transaction to have a current commercial pesticide applicator certification, and the certification would be obtained through an existing program of training and testing administered by the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Luke Bell, Director of Governmental Relations, Kansas Association of Realtors, appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 7) The bill would require any individual performing inspections of wood-destroying insects to hold a valid certification under the Kansas pesticide law; this certification ensures that the individual is qualified to properly use and apply pesticides in the state of Kansas in a manner that will ensure the protection of consumers.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2268**.

**HB 2249** - Technical changes to the use of real estate sales validation questionnaires

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2249**.

Luke Bell, Director of Governmental Relations, Kansas Association of Realtors, (KAR) appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 8) The bill is a technical change that would reinforce the intent behind **SB 271** of the 2006 Legislature, by allowing all licensed real estate professionals to perform their statutory duties for their customers and clients. This would allow real estate licensees acting as transaction brokers to have access to the sales validation questionnaires.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2249**.

**HB 2295** - Effect of criminal convictions on licensure of real estate brokers and salespersons

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2295**.

Luke Bell, Director of Governmental Relations, Kansas Association of Realtors, (KAR) appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 9) The bill would require all real estate license applicants to undergo a fingerprint-based criminal background check prior to licensure and limit the ability of the Kansas Real Estate Commission (KREC) to grant real estate licenses to applicants with certain felony convictions on their record.

Chairman Brungardt continued the hearing on **HB 2295** to Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am. The next scheduled meeting is March 6, 2007.