

Approved: February 22, 2000
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Representative Tony Powell at 1:30 p.m. on January 31, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Others attending: See attached list.

The only order of business was Committee consideration of **HB2670, Cigarettes; sale of certain cigarettes restricted**, on which hearing was held January 26.

Chairman Powell moved amendment to correct references. Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes, referred to the balloon which was distributed at the hearing January 26 noting sections with incorrect internal references. Representative Benlon seconded. Motion passed.

Representative Benlon moved the Committee recommend HB2670 for passage as amended. Representative Peterson seconded..

Chairman Powell said the purpose of the bill is to make it unlawful to possess what are called gray market cigarettes paralleling existing federal law. With the limited number of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm agents creating a state law will make it possible for state and local law enforcement to enforce the law. It does not change the law with reference to state tax stamps.

The motion to recommend HB2670 favorable for passage as amended passed.

Representative Mayans noted **HB2305, Smoking on school property**, in the Committee, would be offered as an amendment on the floor.

The meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is February 1.