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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 17, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dan McLaughlin, Kansas State Fire Marshal
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Charlotte Esau, Kansas Republican Assembly

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 307 - State fire marshal duty to conduct on-site inspect of non-fuel flammable or combustible liquid aboveground storage tanks, delayed until July 1, 2012; compliance with standards, delayed until July 1, 2015.

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 307**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Dan McLaughlin, Kansas State Fire Marshal, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 1) The bill is a result of the Senate Budget Sub-Committee to help reduce the obligations with the current revenue shortfalls.

The Chairman asked the pleasure of the committee on the bill.

Senator Ostmeyer moved to pass SB 307 out favorably. Senator Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 307**.

SB 291 - Establishing a procedure for preparation and adoption of reapportionment plans.

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 291**.

Staff provided a written overview of the bill. (Attachment 2)

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department, provided a comparison of the bill, Iowa Redistricting Criteria, and 2002 Redistricting Guidelines. (Attachment 3) Ms. Galligan also provided "Guidelines and Criteria for 2002 Kansas Congressional and Legislative Redistricting" and Article 10 of the Kansas Constitution.

Senator Derek Schmidt provided written testimony in support of the bill. (Attachment 4) Under this proposal, the power to redistrict is retained by the legislature, but give direction to staff as to what role they will play in helping exercise that power and imposing upon the legislature rules for how that power will be wielded.

Charlotte Esau, Kansas Republican Assembly, spoke in opposition of the bill. (Attachment 5) The big change is that public hearings happen after a plan is finalized, and the commission is not allowed to reveal any of the details they are working on to the public or the legislature until after they are finalized.

Kansas Republic Party provided written testimony in opposition of the bill. (Attachment 6) This proposal decreases public input and transparency in the redistricting/reapportionment process; reduces the number of town hall meetings conducted across the state, and limits legislative debate.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee at 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 291**.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am