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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Tony Powell at 1:30 p.m. on March 14, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present .

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Becker  
Senator Ranson  
Representative Johnston  
Representative Weber  
Major General Gregory Gardner, Adjutant General  
Janet Schalansky, Secretary of Social & Rehabilitation Services  
Mike Selves, Kansas Emergency Management Association  
Albert Murray, Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Authority  
Robert Pinkstaff, Kansas Korean War Memorial Association  
Orville Cole

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Powell called the meeting to order.

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Representative Findley providing that when Board of Regents increases tuition at state educational institutions, Governor would include in his budget recommendation additional expenditures for need-based students. [HB 3036 introduced March 15.]

Hearing was opened on

### **Sub SCR 1634, Recognizing the Korean War Memorial in Wichita.**

Senator Ranson testified in support of the resolution (Attachment #1). She described the memorial and emphasized the importance of recognizing the contributions of Korean War veterans. The substitute provides an opportunity for names of additional Korean veterans to be added to the memorial..

Representative Johnston testified in support of the resolution. The Memorial is in his district and is a great addition to the parks system of the City of Wichita. He urged that the resolution be passed to give recognition to the Korean War Memorial.

Robert Pinkstaff, President of the Kansas Korean War Memorial Association, testified in support (Attachment #2) describing the memorial located in Veterans Memorial Park in Wichita and its history. He introduced Dr. Richard Bergen, the sculptor. The cost of the memorial is \$300,000 of which \$57,000 is needed for its completion.

Hearing on Sub SCR 1634 was closed.

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**SB 475, Emergency management assistance compact.**

Adjutant General Gregory Gardner presented his testimony in support of the bill by power point (Attachment #3). He described the history of the approval of Emergency Management Assistance Compacts and explained that the same format has been used in all states with only minor changes.

In response to questions General Gardner described the nature of assistance the Kansas National Guard would render in response to request from another State. He pointed out that Article XII provides that if any provision of the compact is declared unconstitutional, the constitutionality of the remainder shall not be affected so that the compact would not need to be redone in all states that had adopted it.

Mike Selves, Emergency Management Director of Johnson County, presented testimony supporting the bill on behalf of the Kansas Emergency Management Association (Attachment #4). He asked that his written testimony be corrected to indicate that thirty states and one territory have now approved the Compact. KEMA believes such a compact is long overdue. He noted that while under the compact no state is required to give or receive assistance, the ability to share state resources is desirable.

In response to questions Adjutant General Gardner and Mr.Selves described circumstances in which the compact could be used and the nature of the involvement of both personnel and equipment.

Orville Cole, Garnett, testified in opposition to certain provisions in **SB 475** (Attachment #5). Mr. Cole said he was particularly troubled by provisions relating to community disorders or insurgency. He believes there are good reasons why the regular army is prevented from doing police work and is concerned that this bill tries to get around that by substituting the National Guard.

Hearing was closed on **SB 475**.

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**SCR 1632, A concurrent resolution urging the Governor and the Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council to establish statewide standards to evaluate the success of substance abuse programs.**

Senator Becker testified in support of the resolution (Attachment #6). He testified that the goal of the resolution, sponsored by the Joint Committee on Correction and Juvenile Justice, is to discover effective substance abuse treatment programs from all who get program funding, fund them adequately, and eliminate those programs that are not effective.

Representative Weber testified in support of the resolution (Attachment #7) which addresses the establishment of statewide standards to evaluate the success of substance abuse programs funded through the state budget process. The Joint Committee participated in the Governor's Conference on Prevention in Wichita in October and gained a better understanding of the work involved in the front line of prevention. They concluded there was no widely acceptable state standard for evaluating the success of such programs. and determined they needed to have a strong involvement in the formation of standards.

Testimony on behalf of the Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council was presented by Janet Schalansky, Secretary of SRS, Co-Chair of the Council (Attachment #8). The Council reviewed the resolution and suggested three minor changes in wording which are reflected in the bill as amended by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. The Council fully supports the resolution as amended. She noted **SCR 1632** asks the Council to broaden its charge to address standards for treatment as well as prevention. The Council would plan to survey national research and work with its member agencies and others to identify standards in place and develop standards for those domains for which there are none.

Hearing on **SCR 1632** was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is March 15.