

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 21, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Mayans, excused
Representative Freeborn, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 3016 Proponents: Written testimony from Bill Schwertfeger, Caldwell
Jim Keating, Kansas Safe Kids Coalition
Written testimony Timothy Henderson, Child Death Review Board
Opponents: None.

SB 278 Proponents: Senator Biggs
Shelby Smith, Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition
Terri Roberts, Kansas State Nurses' Association
Opponents: None.

SB 430 Proponents: Senator Gilstrap
Representative Long
John Novak
Pat Gaunce, Kansas City, Kansas Community College
Written testimony John Pfannenstiel, Mayor of Basehor
Amendment proposed: Tuck Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers
Opponents: None.

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Powell called the meeting to order.

The hearing was reopened on

HB 3016, Illegal storage of a firearm

Chairman Powell called attention to written testimony in support of the bill provided by Bill Schwertfeger, Caldwell (Attachment #1). Mr. Schwertfeger was unable to return today to appear in person. Chairman Powell said Mr. Schwertfeger has a personal story to tell and encouraged members to read it because it is important.

Jim Keating of the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs presented testimony in support of the bill on behalf of the Kansas Safe Kids Coalition, a nonprofit organization composed of more than sixty statewide businesses and organizations to protect Kansas children (Attachment #2). He stated **HB 3016** affects the unsupervised storage of loaded guns in the home. It does not prevent children from lawfully using or possessing guns while under adult supervision and gives gun owners safe storage options

Written testimony in support of **HB 3016** was provided by Timothy Henderson (Attachment #3) together with the 1999 Annual Report of the State Child Death Review Board.

Proponents of the bill responded to questions from committee members concerning locks, lock boxes, safety education, etc.

Hearing was closed on **HB 3016**.

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Hearing was opened on

SB 278, Cigarette and tobacco products, samples, notice prior to distribution

Senator Biggs, sponsor of the bill, presented written testimony in support of (Attachment #4). He pointed out the bill does not prohibit distribution of free samples but requires notification to the Kansas Director of Taxation fourteen days in advance of distribution. He presented statistics on the volume of free tobacco sampling and teen use of tobacco in Kansas.

Shelby Smith presented information from the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, Inc. in support of the bill (Attachment #5). He provided statistics from the 1999 Youth Tobacco Survey.

Terri Roberts, Executive Director, presented testimony on behalf of the Kansas State Nurses Association (Attachment #6). She stated **SB 278** will provide the Department of Revenue with information that will permit surveillance for compliance with the sampling statutes regarding children below 18 years of age and possession of tobacco products.

Hearing was closed on SB 278.

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SB 430, Issuance of licenses for retail liquor stores in certain townships

Senator Gilstrap testified in support of the bill (Attachment #7). He introduced the bill on behalf of a constituent, John Novak. He explained that the bill as introduced would have lowered the population threshold to 2,000 but decided to leave the threshold at 11,000 and include language which would allow a liquor store in Fairmont Township, with approval of the county commissioners.

Representative Long presented written testimony in support of the bill (Attachment #8). She noted Mr. Novak was also a constituent of hers. She supported including the requirement of approval of the county commissioners.

John Novak testified in support of the bill (Attachment #9). He explained that he is 1,000 feet west of the city limits of Basehor, a third class city. His interest is in securing a liquor license for his property.

Testimony in support of **SB 430** on behalf of Kansas City, Kansas Community College was presented by Pat Gaunce, President of the Endowment Association (Attachment #10). She explained that the Endowment Association sponsors two major benefits on campus each year at which they would like to be able to offer alcoholic beverages to enhance those benefits.

Letter from John Pfannenstiel, Mayor of Basehor, addressed to Representative Cox, supporting the bill was distributed (Attachment #11).

Tuck Duncan, representing the Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association, presented for consideration a proposed amendment to **SB 430** (Attachment #12). It would amend KSA 41-311 to reduce all beverage alcohol wholesale license residency to one year, as it currently is for beer wholesalers. It also provides criteria under which a non-resident applicant can hold a license, establishing a mechanism not now in the law to allow the Alcoholic Beverage Control to ascertain that an out-of-state applicant meets all the qualification of resident applicants. He said it was his understanding ABC finds this solution acceptable.

Hearing was closed on SB 430.

Chairman Powell announced that the schedule would not allow the committee to hear **SB 492** today.

Meeting adjourned at 310 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is March 27.