

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:30 a.m. on March 19, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator John Vratil, Excused
Senator Ruth Teichman, Excused

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Representative Melany Barnes
Major Gen. Greg Gardner, Adjutant General, State of Kansas,

Others attending: Please see attached

Chairperson Harrington opened the public hearing on:

HB 2741--Inflicting harm, disability, death to search and rescue dogs

Representative Melany Barnes presented testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 1**)

Major Gen. Greg Gardner, Adjutant General, State of Kansas, submitted written testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 2**)

Amanda Olsen, SCEM K-9 Handler/Trainer, submitted written testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 3**)

William R. Wepler, Sedgwick Co. Emergency Management K-9 Team, submitted written testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 4**)

Joseph Fehrenbacher, Director, Kansas Search and Rescue Dog Association, submitted written testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 5**)

Major Gen. Gardner presented testimony in favor of the bill. (**Attachment 6**)

Chairperson Harrington closed the public hearing on **HB 2741**.

Chairperson Harrington stated that **SB 622** and **SB 625** will stay in the committee. She stated that the Wichita school district was concerned, and they were able to work out a date, July 1, 2003, which would be suitable for both the district and others concerned. Chair Harrington stated that she did not think that Federal and State Affairs would receive the bill. In response to a question from Senator Gooch, Chair Harrington stated that the committee could discuss remaining issues the next day at a meeting at the Rail.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on March 21, 2002 in Room 245-N.