

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 21, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley- excused
Senator Dennis Wilson- excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Colonel John E. Davoren, Assistant Division Commander, 35th Infantry Division
Colonel Edward R. Flora, Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard
Brigadier General Marvin W. Pierson, Commander 35th Infantry Division

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Brungardt opened the confirmation hearings on:

Colonel John E. Davoren, Assistant Division Commander, 35th Infantry Division
Colonel Edward R. Flora, Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard
Brigadier General Marvin W. Pierson, Commander 35th Infantry Division

Colonel John E. Davorne, appeared before the committee to answer questions on his appointment to Deputy Commanding General, 35th Infantry Division, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. (Attachment 1) He stated his military career started at University of Kansas ROTC.

Colonel Edward R. Flora, appeared before the committee to answer questions on his appointment to Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard. (Attachment 2) His career started out in the Navy as pilot in 1980, and than moved to the Air Force.

Brigadier General Marvin W. Pierson, appeared before the committee to answer questions on his appointment to Commander, 35th Infantry Division, Kansas Army Nation Guard. (Attachment 3) He has served 34 years in the military and felt that training is very important at a faster mode and more directly to the particular skills that are needed because the Guard is up against an enemy that changes so fast and adapts to whatever the military does.

The Chairman expressed the committee's appreciation to the candidates and for being available on short notice. The Chairman closed the confirmation hearings.

Senator Vratil made a motion to move to the full senate the confirmation of Colonel John E. Davoren, Assistant Division Commander, 35th Infantry Division, Colonel Edward R. Flora, Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard, and Brigadier General Marvin W. Pierson, Commander 35th Infantry Division. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Final action:

SB 2727 - Authorizing certain payroll deductions for state employees

Senator Vratil offered an amendment that would strike the language page 1 line 34 "or both", and on page 2 line 27 and 28 striking the language of "state general fund" and inserting "accounting services recovery fund".(Attachment 4)

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Senator Vratil moved the amendment. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator O'Connor moved to pass **HB 2727** out favorably as amended. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2788 - Concerning expiration, suspension or revocation of real estate brokers and salespersons licenses

The Chairman brought up several questions on the bill from the hearing, and Senator Vratil said the bill had major problems, some suggestions were in new section 4 on page 2, cancelling of a contract between two parties by a third party, and questioned the intent of the language used on page 4 line 9, "egregious circumstances" and in lines 19 and 20 "utmost good faith, loyalty and fidelity; or", Senator O'Connor brought up New Section 8 on page 5, and that language was wanted to be put in the contract. The conferees have not contacted the committee on any of the objections. The committee chose not to take action on the bill.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their hard work, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.