

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 1:30 p.m. on January 19, 2010, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Steve Huebert- excused
Representative Connie O'Brien- excused
Representative Rob Olson- excused
Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efir, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dennis Johnson, Director, U.S. Census Bureau
Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State

Others attending:

See attached list.

Dennis Johnson, Director, U.S. Census Bureau (Attachment 1)

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State

Representative Kiegerl moved for the introduction of legislation which would disallow homeless status to be the sole cause of removing the child from the parents and that parental rights not be severed unless conviction of a felony by either the parent or the child had occurred. This was at the request of Representative Bill Otto. Motion was seconded by Representative Fund. Motion carried.

Representative Knox moved for the introduction of legislation which would require hotels to provide security if they disallowed concealed carry. Motion was seconded by Representative Carlson. Motion carried.

Representative Knox moved for the introduction of legislation which would require the posting of language denying concealed carry prior to such enforcement. Motion was seconded by Representative Carlson. Motion carried.

Dennis Johnson, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, stated that the purpose of the 2010 census was to equalize representation and to assess the needs of the population at the federal, state, and community levels (Attachment 1). The first census was in 1790 and provided the first basis for the electoral college which is still dependent upon the census numbers to establish the number of votes per state. Each person is worth \$800 to \$1,000 per year in the federal monies provided for community programs. The form is quite abbreviated with only 10 questions. He emphasized the need for all households to return their census forms which should arrive around March 15. Seventy-three percent of Kansas households complied with this request in 2000.

Census workers will work within their own communities with quality assurance and reviews of their completed applications being done on a regular basis. These workers will be trained and paid at the rate of \$9.50 to \$17.75 per hour for up to 40 hours per week and receive \$.50 per mile for auto reimbursement. Even though they are federal employees during their working period, they will receive no benefits. The penalties are harsh for census workers who divulge any information they receive: \$250,000 fine and/or 5 years in prison.

Mr. Johnson reiterated the need for partnerships in the business, government, community, colleges, schools, media, etc. in urging the need for participation in the 2010 census. This adjusted information will be made available to the President for apportionment in December 2010. Redistricting information is delivered to the states by March 2011 and to the Kansas Legislative Research Department by July 2011 for reapportionment.



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Each state has the authority to determine what effect a census worker's wages would have on unemployment or other benefits being received. This ruling would be up to the Kansas Secretary of Labor.

Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State, reported that his office was the liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau. His responsibilities include making sure that every Kansan is counted. Kansas is one of two states that requires an adjustment regarding college or technical students and all military personnel by asking where they want to be recorded: on site or at their home address if it is different. This requirement is at a great cost to the state (\$600,000) and has minimal impact on the total count. There is no federal reimbursement as this is a state law. Another problem with this requirement is that the state has no authority to have the Commander General of the military installation conduct such a census as there would be no reimbursement.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: 1-20-10

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Ottu	Childrens Issues Committee
C. David Pomer	Keeney & Assoc
THOMAS WITT	KANSAS EDUCATION PROTECTION
Peter Haxton	Kansas State Data Center
TED HOWLEY	CAPITAL STRATEGIES
Sofie BoAnby	Polsinelli Schult
Tim R Steer	Magistrate Judge Assoc
Cindy Hough	Rep. Bowers Return

United States® Census 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau
is issuing a call to action for
every resident of our nation:
“BE COUNTED IN 2010.”

The Census: A Snapshot

- **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- **Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- **When:** Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the **American Community Survey**.
- **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **How:** Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census workers also will visit households that do not return questionnaires.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government can allocate more than \$300 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data guide planning for new hospitals, roads, job training centers, schools and more.
- Census data are used to determine the need for additional social services, block grants and other grant programs essential to many communities.
- Census data inform a diverse range of local initiatives, from justifying the need for an after-school program to designating urban revitalization areas.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Quick, Easy and Confidential

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

THE 2010 CENSUS IS IMPORTANT.

It determines the distribution of more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. It generates thousands of jobs across the country. And it impacts your voice in Congress.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

As an influential elected official, you can raise awareness of and encourage participation in this historic event. By doing so, you can help your constituents receive their fair share of federal funds, census jobs and congressional representation.



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Attachment *1*

Become a 2010 Census Partner

Your partnership sends a strong message to your community about the importance of the census and the benefits of being counted. By partnering with the Census Bureau, you can help:

- ▲ Spread the word about temporary census jobs in your community.
- ▲ Ensure accurate census data, which inform important funding decisions you make on behalf of your community.
- ▲ More accurately represent your constituents' interests.

Take Action for Your Community and Country

As a partner, you will play an important role in making the 2010 Census successful by encouraging people in your community to take part in the count. You can:

- ▲ Issue a proclamation or other public endorsement of the 2010 Census.
- ▲ Conduct "town hall" meetings or other events to encourage census participation.
- ▲ Help recruit census workers in your community.
- ▲ Provide space for Be Counted and Questionnaire Assistance Centers or for testing and training census employees.
- ▲ Create a Complete Count Committee (CCC) in your area and invite other influential community leaders and elected officials to join you in the effort to increase census participation.

2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates

Fall 2008	Recruitment begins for local census jobs for early census operations.
Spring 2009	Census employees go door-to-door to update address lists nationwide.
Fall 2009	Recruitment begins for census takers to support peak workload in 2010.
February - March 2010	Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.
April 1, 2010	Census Day
May - July 2010	Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
December 2010	By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to the president for apportionment.
March 2011	By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.



**A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COUNT
IS IN OUR HANDS.**

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to 2010census.gov.

2010 CENSUS
IT'S IN OUR HANDS

2000 Census Adjustment

(Census +/- Net Adj. = Adjusted)

3165 + 63 3228	2966 + 74 3040	3472 + 55 3527	5953 +101 6054	6001 + 87 6088	4536 +118 4654	3791 + 78 3869	5835 +145 5980	6483 +177 6660	10965 + 234 11199	10717 + 307 11024	10724 + 177 10901	6243 -189 6054	10724 + 177 10901	6243 -189 6054
Cheyenne	Rosell	Decatur	Norton	Phillips	Smith	Jewell	Republic	Washington	Marshall	Nemaha	Brown	Dorchester	10724 + 177 10901	6243 -189 6054
6760 + 26 6786	8180 -283 7897	2813 + 75 2888	2946 + 71 3017	5685 + 80 5765	4452 + 83 4535	5932 - 16 5916	10268 - 202 10066	8822 +151 8973	18209 + 202 18411	12657 + 160 12817	16774 - 363 16411	18426 + 183 18609	16774 - 363 16411	157882 + 178 158060
Sherman	Thomas	Sheridan	Graham	Rooks	Osborne	Marion	Cloud	Clay	Pottawatomie	Jackson	Atchison	Lawrence	16774 - 363 16411	157882 + 178 158060
1749 + 33 1782	3046 + 57 3103	3068 + 84 3152	3319 + 79 3398	27507 -1533 25974	7370 +101 7471	3578 + 85 3663	6162 +107 6270	19344 + 236 19580	27947 -1541 26406	6885 +106 6991	169871 + 676 170547	99982 -4431 95551	67808	451086 + 2569 453655
Wallace	Logan	Owne	Trego	Ellis	Russell	Lincoln	Ottawa	Clay	Riley	Shawnee	Jefferson	Shawnee	99982 -4431 95551	451086 + 2569 453655
1534 + 42 1576	2531 + 61 2592	5120 +113 5233	3155 + 61 3216	3454 +109 3563	3551 + 57 3608	28205 + 67 28272	6525 +112 6637	53597 + 186 53783	19344 + 236 19580	6104 + 79 6183	169871 + 676 170547	16712 + 144 16856	24784 - 54 24730	28351 + 261 28612
Greeley	Wichita	Scott	Lane	Ness	Rush	Barton	Ellsworth	Saline	Dickinson	Morris	Shawnee	Osage	Franklin	28351 + 261 28612
2670 + 48 2718	4531 + 57 4588	40523 - 79 40444	5904 +106 6010	2085 + 39 2124	7233 + 99 7332	4789 + 78 4867	10761 - 136 10625	29554 - 459 29095	13361 - 95 13271	3030 + 30 3060	8865 +117 8982	8110 + 99 8209	9570 + 72 9642	9570 + 72 9642
Harrison	Keamy	Finney	Hodgeman	Parkman	Stafford	Reno	Rice	McPherson	Marion	Chase	Lyon	Colfax	Anderson	9570 + 72 9642
2406 + 43 2449	7909 + 91 8000	4307 + 59 4366	32458 + 35 32493	3449 + 70 3519	9647 - 66 9581	64790 + 81 64871	10625	32069 - 176 31893	59482 + 176 59658	7673 + 67 7740	3789 + 46 3834	14385 - 11 14374	15379 - 158 15221	15379 - 158 15221
Stanton	Grant	Haskell	Gray	Ford	Edwards	Kingman	McPherson	McPherson	Butler	Greenwood	Woodson	Woodson	Atchison	15379 - 158 15221
3496 + 45 3541	5463 + 56 5519	22510 + 1 22511	4631 + 63 4694	2390 + 51 2441	1967 + 37 2004	5307 +108 5415	6536 + 85 6621	25946 + 290 26236	36292 - 293 35999	3261 + 30 3291	10332 + 99 10431	16997 - 1 16996	36242 - 789 37453	36242 - 789 37453
Marion	Stevens	Seward	Meade	Clark	Comanche	Barber	Harper	Summer	Cowley	Chautauque	Montgomery	Labette	Cherokee	36242 - 789 37453

Notes

Map not drawn to scale.
 Denotes counties with net loss of population.

Legend

3,165 = U.S. Census Population
 + 63 = Net Kansas Adjustment
 3,228 = Total Recalculated Population