

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bill Mason at 1:40 p.m. on March 18, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Edmonds - E  
Representative Cox - E

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Rose Marie Glatt, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Anthony Hensley  
Representative Deena Horst

Others attending: See Attached

**SB 205** - An Act enacting the Kansas commemorative coin design concept act

Staff explained the purpose of the bill was to provide a method to select the design concepts and make a recommendation for the final design of the commemorative quarter dollar of the State of Kansas. The fiscal note is \$9,300, which includes the cost of a ballot election, If the election were conducted via the Internet, some of that amount would be eliminated.

Senator Hensley explained the 50 state quarters program is a 10-year initiative to commemorate the history of our nation(Attachment 1). The Kansas quarter is scheduled for release in 2005. The Senate amended the bill to bring it into compliance with recommendations made by the U.S. Mint. The design sketch is to be submitted to the Mint on or before June 30, 2003. Although that is a short time frame to complete the project, the Mint sets those dates and he was unsure if there was any flexibility.

He described the process that Governor Bush used in selecting the Florida design. The Senate has recommended that the election be done, via the Internet to hold down the costs. **SB 205** offers the method for choosing the Kansas quarter from 5 designs. High school students approaching the voting age would participate in a statewide election, the last week of April, 2004 at school. Due to the publicity on the project, many artists already have designs ready to submit.

Representative Horst, Chairperson of the Joint Committee Arts and Cultural Resources, offered suggestions for numerous changes to the bill (Attachment 2). She stressed the importance of one member of the Kansas commemorative coin design commission being knowledgeable of coin design or metal work. This is a change from skilled to knowledgeable, due to the perceived difficulty of finding someone in Kansas, to serve on the sixteen member commission, that would be skilled in coin design.

Discussion followed regarding the criteria for entry of designs, why only high school students would vote and a process that would include home-schooled students.

An article titled *Dangerous Access*, an excerpt from *Dangerous Access, 2000 Edition; Uncovering Pornography in America's Libraries* was distributed at the request of Representative Hutchins (Attachment 3).

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for March 19, at 1:30 p.m., in room 313 S, at the Capitol.

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