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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 February 14, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Julia Lynn
Representative Louis Ruiz
Phil Bradley, Artisan Distillers of Kansas
Andrew Harmon
Doug Jorgensen, Alcoholic Beverage Control
Kristina Hennessy, Dark Horse Distillery

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Senator Julia Lynn requested two bill introductions for SRS, the first has to do with information submitted to department of labor for state directory of new hires, and the second distribution of child support payments and income withholding.

Senator Abrams moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 387 – Qualification of the state fire marshal

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 387**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Doug Jorgensen, Acting State Fire Marshall January thru July 2011, appeared as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 1) Mr. Jorgensen requested that the language requiring knowledge of building construction be removed from the statute; and expand the “five year experience” requirement to read – “five years in fire prevention and inspection experience and/or safety inspection experience and/or investigation experience”.

Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by Terry Maples, Acting State fire Marshall. (Attachment 2)

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the Federal and State Committee at 10:30 a.m. on February 14, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Robert W. McLemore, President, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs, presented testimony on the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by Philip Bradley, Ph.D., Kansas Fireworks Association. ([Attachment 4](#))

Kevin Florymore, 1st Vice President, Kansas State Firefighters Association, presented testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by J. L. Ellis, President, Kansas State Firefighters Association Inc. ([Attachment 6](#))

SB 301-Board of technical professions; terms of members

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 301**.

Staff provided an overview on the bill.

Jean Boline, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Technical Professions, spoke in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 7](#)) The bill makes changes to the term lengths of some Board member positions which begin July 1, 2012. The Board of Technical Professions regulates the practice of 5 professions and is made up of 13 members; 3 architects, 3 engineers, 1 member licensed as an engineer and also as a land surveyor, 2 land surveyors, 1 landscape architect, 1 geologist and 2 public members. Currently 8 of those 13 positions expire the end of June, 2012. Replacing 8 members of the Board at one time disrupts the continuity of this function and greatly slows the process. Amended language was provided on page 2 line 2.

Ron Gaches, Executive Director, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, appeared in support of the bill. ([Attachment 8](#)) The bill was drafted to alleviate one specific issue, namely the number of Board of Technical Professions' positions whose terms are set to expire simultaneously. Failure to do this will leave the Board at risk of losing a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge and training at the same time.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearings on **SB 301**.

Final Action:

SB 276 – Alcoholic beverages; amendments to law prohibiting licensee from hiring certain employees.

Staff provided a balloon on the bill. ([Attachment 9](#))

Senator Haley moved the amendment. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Senator Reitz moved to pass **SB 276** out favorably as amended. Senator Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.