

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Doug Mays at 2:10 p.m. on March 26, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative John Edmonds, Excused
Representative Broderick Henderson, Excused
Representative Bill Mason, Excused

Committee staff present: Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Analyst
Shelia Pearman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Representative Patricia Lightner
Brigadier General Jonathon P. Small, Kansas National Guard
Dean Reynoldson, ABC Deputy Director
Phillip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association
Amy Campbell, Kansas Assn. of Beverage Retailers
Ron Hein, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association
Dawn McClelland, Exec. Dir. Advise & Aid Pregnancy Centers
Mike Selves, Johnson County Emergency Director

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Mays opened the hearing on SB 629 - Adjutant general and the division of emergency management; regional emergency management coordinators; incident management system.

Brigadier General Small urged support of **SB 629** which directs the Division of Emergency Management to implement the use of the Incident Management System by State, county, city, and inter-jurisdictional agencies during emergency and disaster situations. He informed the Committee the FEMA and all the first responder associations endorse this nationally recognized system already mandated in seven states. (Attachment #1)

Mr. Selves stated 86 of the 105 are active members of Kansas Emergency Management Association and less than half the counties meet the minimum requirements in KAR 26-2-2 in emergency preparedness. The KDEM has attempted to address the ineffectiveness of some counties emergency agencies by instituting a certification program to raise the level of professionalism of local coordinators. He urged support of **SB 629**. (Attachment #2)

Chairman Mays closed the hearing on SB 629. Representative Ruff made the motion to recommend SB 629 favorable for passage. Representative Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Mays opened the hearing on Substitute for SB 465 - Renewal of licenses issued under liquor control act or club and drinking establishment act; tax liability. Testimony presented by Mr. Reynoldson, Assistant Director of Alcohol Beverage Control urged passage of **Sub. SB 465**. He stated licensees who operate without paying their taxes are doing so at a competitive advantage over those who promptly pay their taxes each month. He cited currently 18 percent of liquor enforcement taxes and 26 percent of liquor drink taxes of more than \$4.5 million remain uncollected from liquor licensees across the state. He stated at least sixteen states require some sort of tax clearance before issuing new liquor licensees and/or renewal. Administratively collecting taxes during the renewal process would be a more cost effective method for the State than other processes presently being utilized. Recent examples of noncompliance of sales tax payments were cited. (Attachment #3)

Ms. Campbell stated the industry supports the passage of **Sub. SB 465** to assist in maintaining an even playing field in the marketplace by enforcing the laws equally. She stated her members would be comfortable with permissive language rather than a mandate. She also stated KABR recommended amending the language to be inclusive of cereal malt beverage retailers. (Attachment #4)

Mr. Bradley stated the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association supports 100 percent compliance of liquor drink taxes as encompassed by **Sub. SB 465**. (Attachment #5)

Mr. Hein rose in support of **Sub. SB 465** in which the Senate addressed their concerns with amendments recommended by the ABC Director. (Attachment #6)

Chairman Mays opened the hearing on HCR 5046 and HR 6013 - Urging Congress to fund ultrasound equipment for crisis pregnancy centers. Representative Lightner informed the committee the additional information provided during a pregnancy is important to make a decision that very well may affect them the rest of their lives. She cited an increased percentage of women chose to carry their pregnancy to term when an ultrasound is available to them. (Attachment #7)

Ms. McClelland urged the committee to support the Federally funded resolution. The Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center plans to become a medical clinic in the near future in order to expand their services to provide more information to their clients in their time of need. To provide women who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy with the full scope of information such that they may make a fully-informed choice. (Attachment #8)

Written testimony was provided by Carla Mahany, Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri urged the committee to add an amendment to clarify that the federal legislation should further require that any "community based pregnancy help medical clinic" that applies for the funds give truthful and medically accurate information about abortion. (Attachment #9)

Chairman Mays closed the hearing on HCR 5046 and HR 6013.

Chairman Mays requested the committee consider HB 2907 - Child in need of care code; foster parent would be an interested party. Representative Rehorn made a motion to adopt an amendment presented by Representative Sharp during testimony on March 20 providing limited "interested party" status to foster parents during the time a foster child is in their home. Representative Ruff seconded the motion. The amendment was adopted.

Representative Rehorn made a motion to recommend HB 2907 favorable for passage as amended. Representative Freeborn seconded the motion. The motion passed as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Future meetings will be announced at a later time.