

Approved: March 27, 2000
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Tony Powell at 1:30 p.m. on February 22, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Findley, Excused.

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Winnie Crapson, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Secretary Graeber of the Department of Health & Environment providing that if a 90-day temporary license for a day care center expires during the H&E background check it may be extended for an additional 90 days while the investigation proceeds.

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Representative Burroughs adding the language "equal to or less than" to the statute on contributory negligence

Without objection bill will be introduced as requested by Chairman Powell to provide legislative oversight whenever any state agency enters into a contract with a law firm that could potentially award that firm fees of one million dollars or more by establishing procedures for competitive bidding through a two-step process requiring (1) selection of at least two qualified firms according to standards set by the Department of Administration and (2) bidding on the basis of price. In addition it would require a report for the agency of any work done by attorneys and hours with a cap of \$1,000 per hour.

Chairman Powell reported that both he and Representative Stone will request an interim study of **HB2604, Beer keg registration**. Representative Stone asked that the bill not be worked and it appeared there was not majority support for the bill in the Committee. Chairman Powell said that although it was not entirely successful, he appreciated the efforts of Representative Stone to attempt to work out a compromise with the liquor industry. Both have a great deal of interest in addressing the problem of under age drinking and keg registration may be a viable approach.

Without objection Minutes were approved covering meetings January 18, January 20, January 24, January 25, January 26, January 27, January 31, February 1, February 2, February 7, February 8, February 9, February 14, February 15 and February 17.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is March 1.