MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:00 a.m. on February 16, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Vratil, Excused

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Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department

Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Cal Nicodemus, Ks. Chapter of National Contractors Association

Jon Miles, Kansas Electric Cooperatives

Steve Kearney, Propane Marketers Assn. Of Kansas

Others attending: See attached sheet

Chairman Oleen recognized Senator Becker who requested the introduction of a bill that deals with KPERS and overpayment to a widow in his district. <u>Senator Jones moved for introduction of the bill. Senator Harrington seconded the motion.</u> The motion passed.

Chairman Oleen recognized Steve Kearney, representing Propane Marketers Association of Kansas, for an introduction of a bill changing the annual inspection of "vapor meters" to comply with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook #44 by the Secretary of Agriculture. Senator Becker moved for the introduction of the bill. Senator Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Becker stated that he wanted to introduce a bill regarding the World War II Memorial income tax check off. Senator Becker moved to introduce the bill. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Oleen stated that she had been contacted by the Riley County Law Board for the introduction of a bill concerning the Riley county law enforcement agency. Senator Biggs moved for the introduction of the bill. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen opened the hearings on:

SB 479-concerning electricians, relating to licensure thereof

Chairman Oleen recognized Cal Nicodemus, Executive Director, National Electrical Contractors Association, Kansas Chapter, a proponent of <u>SB 479</u>. Mr. Nicodemus noted that The National Electrical Contractors Association represents 23 contracting firms in the state of Kansas and 800 electricians. (<u>Attachment 1</u>) Mr. Nicodemus stated that the current standard examination for determining the competency of journeyman electricians is the Block and Associates Examination. <u>SB 479</u> adds an equally important educational component by requiring four years on-the-job training working with a licensed electrician.

Members of the committee ask if there were some problems in the state that caused this bill to be needed and what would be the impact on local governments and cities. Senator Bleeker asked which states now require the four year on-the-job training. Mr. Nicodemus stated that he didn't have answers to these questions at this time. Chairman Oleen asked that Mr. Nicodemus show evidence to the committee that the state does have a problem, evidence that there are electrical malfunctions, and that there are public safety issues that need addressed that would meet the general public's desire to raise the bench line.

Chairman Oleen recognized Jon Miles, Vice President, Governmental and Technical Services Kansas Electric

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Cooperatives, Inc. (<u>Attachment 2</u>). Mr. Miles stated that he was appearing in a neutral position on <u>SB 479</u>. Mr. Miles stated that Rural electric cooperatives serve electric customers in 102 of the 105 Kansas Counties. Mr. Miles stated that the bill is vague in several areas that might affect the extent of service cooperatives provide to it's members-consumers. He stated that bill raises questions regarding where the authority of a licensed electrician begins and ends in relationship to the secondary side of an electric service to a home or building; how would someone receive on-the-job training in a county where there is no journeyman electrician, and if the certification granted by the local county and city government would recognize certification on a statewide basis.

Senator Becker presented the committee with correspondence from Johnson County Building Officials Association in opposition of **SB 479.** (Attachment 3).

Chairman Oleen closed the hearing on **SB 479.**

Chairman Oleen ask the committee to look at <u>Sub SCR 1634</u> which has been amended to incorporate changes recommended at the hearing. She stated that the exact number of Kansas serving in the Korean War is still being gathered. <u>Senator Harrington moved to report Sub SCR 1634</u> as amended favorably to the full senate. <u>Senators, Biggs, Becker and Gooch seconded the motion.</u> The motion passed.

Senator Oleen introduced Jason Butler, Matt Hoover and Jackie Giullitto eight graders from Junction City who were serving as pages for her today. Jason is the grandson of Representative Geringer.

Chairman Oleen stated that work had been completed by all parties on <u>SB 304</u> and that a substitute bill is before the committee for consideration. Theresa Kiernan reviewed the amended bill for the committee. After discussion by the committee, <u>Senator Becker moved to strike the sentence that the waiver shall be deemed denied if the secretary fails to render a decision within the 60 day period. Senator Biggs seconded; the motion passed.</u> The procedure will be handled by rules and regulations.

Senator Jones moved to change Section 4, paragraph 5 (b) to include wording that the list not be inclusive. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senator Biggs moved to recommend favorably **Sub SB 304** as amended to the full senate. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 noon. The next meeting will be February 17, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.