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 9, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Bleeker, excused

Senator Vidricksen, excused Senator Vratil, excused

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:

John Federico, Federico Consulting

Senator Pat Ranson Senator Les Donovan

Dr. Robert Pinkstaff, President, Ks. Korean War Memorial Assoc.

Dr. Richard Bergen,

Others attending: See Attached list

Chairman Oleen called for introduction of bills. Senator Becker ask to introduce a bill concerning KPERS overpayments. Senator Becker moved to introduce a bill concerning KPERS overpayments. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen recognized John Federico, Federico Consulting. Mr. Federico ask to introduce a bill that would exempt tools and dies from taxation. <u>Senator Becker moved for the introduction of the bill. Senator Biggs seconded the motion.</u> The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen open hearings on:

SCR 1634—recognizing the Korean War Memorial in Wichita as the Kansas Korean War Memorial

Chairman Oleen recognized Senator Pat Ranson, a proponent to the resolution. Senator Ranson stated that this memorial has been erected to preserve the memory of the heroic acts and sacrifices of those Kansas Korean War Veterans who served their country, died or are missing in action during the Korean War. (Attachment 1). She stated that currently there is a list of 476 Kansas Korean War Veterans who were killed or are missing in action. Senator Ranson stated that there is no other known Kansas Korean War Memorial dedicated to and representing all Kansas Korean Veterans. She ask for the committee's support for <u>SCR</u> 1634.

Chairman Oleen recognized Senator Les Donovan, a proponent to <u>SCR 1634.</u> Senator Donovan stated that he supported the resolution and ask the committee favorable consideration.

Chairman Oleen recognized Dr. Robert Pinkstaff, President of the Kansas Korean War Memorial Association, as a proponent of <u>SCR 1634.</u> Dr. Pinkstaff provided committee members with a detailed description of the memorial which is made of bronze and monolithic concrete panels. (<u>Attachment 2</u>) He stated that the memorial is located in the Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Wichita, Kansas. Dr. Pinkstaff stated that the dedication has been set for July 27, 2000. He ask for the committees support for this resolution.

Chairman Oleen recognized Dr. Richard Bergen, sculptor. Dr. Bergen stated that this memorial was built to

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the same standards that the state would require. The materials selected will withstand all weather conditions and the memorial will last forever. Dr. Bergen stated that he was proud to be part of the memorial and ask for the committee's support of this resolution.

Senator Gooch stated that he is proud to have this memorial in his district and he supports the resolution would like to have it recognized as the State memorial.

After discussion and questions by committee members, it was noted that the proponents would like to amend the resolution to include several of the suggestions that were offered by the committee . Chairman Oleen stated that the committee would return to this bill later and closed the hearing on **SB 1634**.

Chairman Oleen ask for action on the minutes of February 2 and February 3. <u>Senator Biggs moved to accept the minutes</u>. <u>Senator Gooch seconded the motion</u>. <u>The motion carried</u>.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be February 10, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.