

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:05 a.m. on February 1 , 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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:

Adj. Major General Greg Gardner, National Guard
Mike Selves, Kansas Emergency Management Assoc.

Others attending: See Attached list

Chairman Oleen opened the hearing on:

SB 475– Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Chairman Oleen recognized Adj. Major General Greg Gardner, who appeared as a proponent for **SB 475**. In a power point presentation, General Gardner explained that an Interstate Mutual Aid Agreement was authorized by Congress 1996 which provides mutual assistance in times of emergency disaster declared by a Governor. (Attachment 1) He stated that as of 2000 there are 29 states and 1 territory in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Major General Gardner stated that the advantages of the EMAC does not negatively impact requests for Federal disaster assistance, it speeds the process and reduces paperwork, it may be more readily available and cheaper. He ask for the committee’s support of **SB 475**.

Senator Oleen ask Major General Gardner if it would affect the compact if the date for written responses was changed from 30 days to 10 days. Major General Gardner stated that he did not believe that this would be in conflict with provisions of uniform compact system.

Senator Harrington stated that she wanted to commend Major General Gardner and the Kansas National Guard for their prompt response to the disaster in Haysville. She stated that she arrived there early the next morning and the National Guard were already in place and doing a terrific job in assisting the community.

Chairman Oleen recognized Mike Selves, Kansas Emergency Management Association (KEMA) Secretary and a proponent for **SB 475**. Mr. Selves stated that the compact provides the potential to improve and expedite the giving and receiving of assistance during major emergencies from one state to another. Mr. Selves stated that in a major disaster situation, the ability of Kansas and Missouri to efficiently and effectively provide urgently needed state resources across state lines will be critical to an emergency response. On behalf of the KEMA Board of Directors and Emergency Managers throughout Kansas Mr. Selves urged the committee to favorably consider **SB 475**.

Senator Becker moved to amend **SB 475** to change the written response time of a verbal request from 30 days to 10 days; Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Vratil moved to amend **SB 475** to change the effective date to published in the Register. Senator Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Gooch moved to report **SB 475** as amended favorable to the full Senate. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting will be February 2, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.