

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Brunk at 1:30 p.m. on January 24, 2011, in Room 347-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Judith Loganbill-excused  
Representative Mike Peterson-excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Thomas W. Groneman, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called for bill introductions. Representative Marvin Kleeb introduced two bills; **HB 2106 concerning trespass and liability, exceptions.** The second was **HB 2089 concerning hunting, relating to hunting dogs; permitting owners to retrieve their dogs from posted land.**

Thomas Groneman, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division gave a presentation about the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (Attachment 1). The Alcoholic Beverage Control is divided into three divisions; Licensing, Administration and Enforcement. The Licensing division currently has four thousand, four hundred and sixty three (4,463) active liquor licenses. The Gallonage Tax rates for Alcohol/Spirits is \$2.50, for Fortified Wine it is \$0.75, for Light Wine it is \$0.30 and for Beer and CMB it is \$0.18.

The ABC Administrative Unit performs general staff support for the Director and Chief Enforcement Officer and related work such as budget preparation, record management and criminal history background investigations.

The Liquor Enforcement Unit provides investigative support for the Director and Chief Enforcement Officer. There are currently 20 agent positions. They conduct controlled buy operations and bar checks and perform routine compliance checks. ABC is also responsible for Cigarette and Tobacco Enforcement. In addition, ABC agents are responsible for levying drug tax assessments across the state. Kansas has instituted a tax on illegal drugs. Anytime illegal drugs are found without drug tax stamps affixed, ABC agents are called out to assess the appropriate tax and penalty.

Representative Rubin asked what affect it would have on ABC if liquor was allowed in grocery stores. Director Groneman said that it would probably double the number of licensees.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.