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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven R. Brunk at 1:30 p.m. on March 05, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Huebert – Excused
Representative Seiwert – Excused
Representative Peterson - Excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative TerriLois Gregory
Brice Eveland, President, Elkhorn Valley Railway
Philip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association
R.E. “Tuck” Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association
Doug Jorgensen, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control
Dale Goter, City of Wichita

Others attending: See attached.

Representative Jim Howell introduced a bill intending to clarify the wording on ballots.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2689–Liquor licenses; railway cars.**

Mike Heim passed out a balloon amendment of the bill (Attachment 1). The balloon version is scaled down and simpler. The bill authorizes the issuance of a club and drinking establishment license for railroad cars.

Representative TerriLois Gregory presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2689** (Attachment 2). This bill gives us a wonderful opportunity to increase tourism and economic development.

Representative Wolfe-Moore asked if railcars were limited to 3.2 beers. Representative Gregory said that right now they could have no liquor at all.

Representative Brunk asked if TerriLois was comfortable with the balloon amendment. She said yes, and the balloon amendment is much cleaner and simpler.

Bruce Eveland presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2689** (Attachment 3). He spoke of the possibility of moving their Fremont Dinner Train to Baldwin City. The only problem was that they would not be able to serve beer, wine and mixed drinks.

Representative Boman asked if they served alcohol in Nebraska. Bruce said yes, from day one.

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Philip Bradley presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2689** (Attachment 4). We believe that this is the best solution to help this new business locate in Kansas.

Representative Loganbill asked where the dry counties were in the state. Philip deferred that question to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Director.

R.E. 'Tuck' Duncan presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2689** (Attachment 5). He noted that many other states have such licenses.

Doug Jorgensen presented testimony as neutral on **HB 2689** (Attachment 6). He asked that it be considered as a substitute bill. He said that there were 19 dry counties in Kansas but they all allowed 3.2 beer. ABC would police it and would provide the same enforcement as other places.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2689** was submitted by
Representative Brian A. Weber (Attachment 7).
Representative Paul Davis (Attachment 8).
Shawna Garber, Three Sisters Inn Bed & Breakfast (Attachment 9).
Shane Starkey, Baldwin City Council (Attachment 10).
Allen Kinsley, Midland Railway Historical Association (Attachment 11).
Michael K. Fox, Midland Railway Historical Association (Attachment 12).
Mark E. Cation, Franklin County Historical Society (Attachment 13).
David Hood, Franklin County Commissioners (Attachment 14).
Kristi K. Lee, Franklin County Convention and Visitors Bureau (Attachment 15).
Steven J. Nowak, Douglas County Historical Society (Attachment 16).
Mike Gaughan, Douglas County Commissioners (Attachment 17).
Hank Booth, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 18).
Susan Henderson, Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau (Attachment 19).
Pat George, Kansas Department of Commerce (Attachment 20).
Steven J. Anderson, Kansas Division of the Budget (Attachment 21).
R. D. Johnson, High Noon Saloon & Brewery (Attachment 22).
Tom Weigand, Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 23).
Jill Underwood, Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 24).
Ken Wagner, Mayor, City of Baldwin City (Attachment 25).
Chris Lowe, Administrator, City of Baldwin City (Attachment 26).
Sha Harmon, Harmon Jr. Rentals (Attachment 27).
Bill Harmon, CEO, A&H Air Conditioning, Heating, Inc. (Attachment 28).
Allen Wright, A&H Air Conditioning, Heating, Inc. (Attachment 29).
David M. Hill, President, Mid America Bank (Attachment 30).

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2689** and opened the hearing on **SB 274—Alcoholic beverages; authorizing extended temporary permits for special events.**

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Mike Heim said that **SB 274** amends a section of the Club and Drinking Establishment Act dealing with temporary permits. The changes are on page 2 and 3. The real change in the bill is in Sub Section 3.

Dale Goter presented testimony as a proponent of **SB 274** (Attachment 31). This bill will allow the River Festival promoter to participate in one or more of the shorter events.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 274**.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 06, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.