

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on January 25, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Steve Morris - excused

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Thomas Witt, Kansas Equality Coalition
Michael Murray, Coalition of Jobs and Consumer Choice
Franklin Diehl, Kansas Lottery Commission
Brigadier General Lee Tafanelli, Kansas National Guard

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Thomas Witt, Kansas Equality Coalition, requested a bill introduction that would amend the Kansas acts against discrimination adding sexual orientation and gender identity.

Senator Faust-Goudeau moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Michael Murray, Coalition of Jobs and Consumer Choice, requested a bill introduced allowing the sale of full strength beer, wine and spirits in grocery and convenience stores.

Senator Reitz moved that this request be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lauren Douglass, Kansas Legislative research Department, provided an overview of the Interim Committee report of the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight. ([Attachment 1](#)) The recommendation of the committee for KDOC were:

- Replacement of KDOC core information technology systems known as the Offender Management Information System and the Total Offender Activity and Document System (OMIS/TOADS)
- Replacement of aging vehicle fleet
- Conversion to narrow band radio communications
- Budgeting for KDOC personnel
- Take action to avoid overcrowding in the prisons by addressing expansion and planning of facilities, including the possibility of a specialty prison for mental illness, felony DUI's, and drug offenders
- Restoration of funding for offender treatment, education, and supportive services

The Committee recommends budget enhancements requested by the Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority:

- Funding for the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC) and Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility (LJCF) to fund two classified social work specialists for sex offender treatment and programming. Funding for a master-level psychologist with adolescent sex offender evaluation expertise to provide sex offender evaluations statewide prior to a court's disposition of juvenile sex offender cases
- Funding to replace seven in Topeka and three in Larned juvenile correctional officer positions to replace lost Recovery Act-Justice Assistance Grant funds, that currently funded the positions.
- Funding to fill five Juvenile Corrections Officer I positions at KJCC. This enhancement will allow

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KJCC to hire the staff necessary to ensure a safe and secure environment for the female operations and will reduce the need to draw from the KJCC male operations to meet minimum staff requirements for the female operations

- A permanent wage increase of 2.5% for juvenile correctional officers

The Interim Committee also stated that child safety zones, GPS, and other tools to manage sex offenders may be good tools to use, when appropriate.

Confirmation Hearings:

Chairman Brungardt stated the committee was conducting three hearings for confirmation two new; Franklin Diehl, Member, Kansas Lottery Commission, Brigadier General Lee Tafaneli, Adjutant General, Kansas National Guard and one re-appointment; Jerome Williams, Member, Kansas Human Rights.

The Chairman welcomed Franklin Diehl to the podium for comments. Mr. Diehl provided a brief biographical overview of his experience and education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. (Attachment 2)

Brigadier General Lee Tafaneli provided a brief biographical overview of his military experience and education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. (Attachment 3)

The hearing for Jerome Williams, Member, Kansas Human Rights Commission, is a re-appointment and Mr. Williams was not required to appear. (Attachment 4)

The Chairman called for a motion on the confirmations.

Senator Reitz made a motion to move to the full senate the confirmation for appointment of Franklin Diehl, Member, Kansas Lottery Commission, which expires March 15, 2012; Brigadier General Lee Tafaneli, Adjutant General, Kansas National Guard, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and re-appointment of Jerome Williams, Member, Kansas Human Rights Commission, which expires January 15, 2013. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.