

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mays at 1:40 p.m. on April 2, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Joann Freeborn, Excused
Representative Tony Powell, Excused

Committee staff present: Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Analyst
Shelia Pearman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Mary Kauffman
Representative Dennis Pyle
Dennis Hershberger

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Mays opened the hearing on **HR 5050 - Constitutional amendment allowing school prayer.** Representative Kauffman stated because of respect for the Constitution, a constitutional amendment which both corrects the current situation and also forever neutralizes the religion-hostile decisions delivered over the past four decades. (Attachment #1)

Representative Pyle stated that Kansas should join other states encouraging Congress to pass a Constitutional amendment protecting school prayer and other public religious speech. He also submitted written testimony from David Barton of WallBuilders encouraging the committee to act in strong support the Congress to restore the religious liberties which have gradually eroded during recent decades. Mr. Barton has been appointed by several State Boards of Educations and governors to oversee the writing of history and government standards for public schools. (Attachment #2)

Mr. Hershberger stated diversification which is now the norm is leaving today's children confused and insecure. He encouraged the committee to pass this resolution to encourage children to pray. (Attachment #3)

No other conferees appeared before the committee. The hearing was closed.

Chairman Mays requested consideration of **Substitute for SB 643 - Regulation of cosmetology, permanent coloring technology, tattooing and body piercing.**

Chairman Mays stated the subcommittee had met with various members of the Cosmetology Board, the cosmetology schools and Trista Beadles to review both **SB 643** and **HB 2977.**

Representative Ruff moved to adopt the language of HB 2977 into SB 643. Representative Benlon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Benlon moved to adopt the language of HB 2314 into SB 643. Representative Ruff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Ruff moved to recommend SB 643 favorable as amended. Representative Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is April 3, 2002.