

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Mason at 1:30 p.m. on January 28, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Becky Hutchins- excused

Committee staff present:

Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Rose Marie Glatt, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Kathe Decker
Senator Barnett

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Without objection, a Constitutional amendment was introduced as requested by Representative Decker, defining marriage in the state of Kansas as a union between one man and one woman. She stated that since the issue was being addressed at the court level, to protect the definition of marriage, it should be on the November ballot giving Kansans the ability to vote on the issue (Attachment 1).

SB 254 - Use of pyrotechnics, pyrotechnic materials in places of public assembly, penalties for unlawful use: duties of state fire marshal.

Ms. Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office, explained technical amendments to **SB 254** (Attachment 2).

Senator Barnett spoke in support of the technical amendments.

Representative Cox moved the amendments as stated to **SB 254**. Representative Dahl seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding whether the definition of pyrotechnics would extend to the use of flames in a restaurant setting. Representative Lane, as an owner of a restaurant, voiced his opinion that the fire used under a grill hood would fall under current regulations for fire safety. Representative Freeborn moved **SB 254**, as amended, be passed out favorably. Representative Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting is January 29, 2004