

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FED & STATE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Doug Mays at 1:35 p.m. on January 24, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Theresa M. Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Shelia Pearman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Carlos Mayans

Others attending: See attached list

Without objection bill was introduced as requested by Bob Alderson regarding redefinition of Cereal Malt Beverages. [HB 2330]

The Chairman re-opened hearing on HB 2038.

Representative Mayans provided details of Wichita's continual struggle to attract air carriers to provide convenient and affordable airfares in order to compete with surrounding airports. He stated many area residents drive to Kansas City or Oklahoma City airports despite Wichita, the "Air Capital of the World," being the largest airport in Kansas. He noted the economic benefit would impact the entire south central and western Kansas areas which would occur if funding to lower airfares thus increasing traffic through the Wichita airport. He proposed to create an airport improvement service facility fund with proceeds from the Lottery sales by increasing the Economic Development Initiatives Fund from \$50 million to \$55 million to assist Wichita and other smaller airports throughout Kansas some assistance. He plans to offer an amendment presently being drafted during the debate when brought before the House in session

Hearing on HB 2038 was closed.

Adjourned at 1:50. The next schedule meeting is January 29, 2001.