

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Dahl at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2004 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Don Hill- excused  
Representative Kevin Yoder- excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department  
Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Rena Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes  
June Evans, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Thomas M. Palace, Executive Director of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas  
Constantine Cotsoradis, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Others attending:

See Attached List.

The Chairman opened the meeting and stated that **SB 66 - Title insurance; prohibiting certain actions** had a hearing on March 16 and had planned to work the bill today. However, the real estate agents and title companies have reached a compromise and both will enlighten us tomorrow and we might be able to get the bill out of committee.

The Chairman said that **HB 2928 - Motor fuel tax rates and prohibited acts and remedies for certain acts involving sales of motor fuel below cost** had a hearing on March 16 and Mr. Palace offered a balloon amendment that would make the bill acceptable.

Mr. Palace briefed the committee on the changes requested. There was a motion which passed to request a Substitute Bill on March 16 so all the stricken material would not have to be reprinted (Attachment 1).

Constantine Cosoradis, Weights and Measures Division, Kansas Department of Agriculture, said he did not know how many complaints would be forthcoming. The Department initially asked for additional funding to cover the costs of the complaints. The Department will make do. It depends on the number of complaints to know what funding is needed and that is an unknown. The Department had checked with Minnesota and they had approximately 1500 complaints a year. Kansas has less stations than Minnesota so it is estimated there could be approximately 900 complaints. Minnesota's complaints have continued to stay steady.

Representative Patterson said that the penalties would generate revenue.

Representative Ruff moved and Representative Swenson seconded to move Sub HB 2928 out favorably. The motion carried.

Representative Sharp voted "NO".

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting will be March 19, 2004.