

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:30 a.m. on March 7, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
 Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
 Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor
 Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Others attending: Please see attached

Chairperson Harrington opened the meeting by asking Senator Brungardt to present the subcommittee report on:

SB 541–Relating to emergency management; terrorism preparedness
SB 629–Adjutant General and emergency management; regional emergency management

Senator Brungardt presented the subcommittee report. **(Attachment 1)** He stated that there had been questions of interest regarding first responders from committee members.

Senator Vratil asked if the subcommittee recommended combining the bills into one, then which one would they make them.

Senator Brungardt stated that the subcommittee had ended up deciding that there were reasons not to incorporate the bills into one, including some funding issues. Senator Vratil responded that he was just curious.

Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor, stated that since they will not be together, they would include definitions in **SB 541**, so that they would also be in **SB 629**. She presented the committee with a copy of the amended version of **SB 541**. **(Attachment 2)** She then presented the committee with a copy of the amended version of **SB 629**. **(Attachment 3)**

Senator Brungardt made a motion to amend the bills. Senator Barnett seconded the motion. The bills were amended.

Senator Brungardt made a motion to pass the bills favorably as amended. Senator Barnett seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on March 13, 2002 in Room 245-N.