

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 5:00P.M. on March 16, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson- excused
Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees:

Randy Mettner, Office of the Adjutant General
Judy Moler, Association of Counties
Stephen Crumpler, Capitol Police

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Edmonds opened the floor for the introduction of bills. There were none.

The Chairman opened the floor for public hearing on **HB 2966** - ordering out militia in local, state or federal disaster.

Speaking on behalf of the Adjutant General was Randy Mettner, Executive Officer. Mr. Mettner spoke in support of **HB 2966** stating that this proposed legislation is to clarify the use of State active duty and to formalize the operations that have been used over the years. It would give clear authority to the Adjutant General to make use of all his troops both active and retired. (Attachment 1)

No other person wished to address the bill and Chairman Edmonds closed the public hearing on **HB 2966**.

The Chairman directed the committees attention to **HB 2982** and opened the meeting for public hearing on **HB 2982**.

Randy Mettner, Executive Officer for the Adjutant General, delivered testimony in support of **HB 2982**. Mr. Mettner stated that this bill provides a framework for an intrastate mutual aid for all political subdivision's of the state who are involved in disaster planning, training, exercising then responding to an emergency. (Attachment 2)

Judy Moler, General Counsel/Legislative Services Director, Kansas Association of Counties addressed the committee supporting **HB 2982**. In her testimony, Ms. Moler gave the opinion that this bill would create a system of intrastate mutual aid agreements among participating local governments in case of declared disasters as well as in preparation for these disasters. (Attachment 3)

No other persons wished to speak to **HB 2982**, and the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2982** was submitted by Lougene Marsh, Executive Director of Flint Hills Community Health Center/Lyon County Health Department (Attachment 4), Gary Curmode, Fire Chief of Sedgwick County (Attachment 5), Mike Selves, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for Johnson County (KEMA) (Attachment 6), and Randall Duncan, Department of Emergency Management, Wichita, Kansas (Attachment 7).

Chairman Edmonds opened the public hearing on **HB 2961** - security officers appointed by adjutant general; law enforcement training and powers.

Randy Mettner, Executive Officer for the Adjutant General, was recognized and spoke in favor of **HB 2961**

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He explained that this bill allows the Adjutant Generals Department Security Forces and Resource protection officers to be certified Law enforcement officers with all the powers of a law enforcement officer including the powers of arrest. (Attachment 8)

No other person wished to address **HB 2961** and the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Chairman Edmonds requested a copy of the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure).

Chairman Edmonds opened the floor for hearing on **HB 2329** - change the name of the "capitol area security patrol: to "capitol police".

Stephen Crumpler has worked for the Capitol Area Security Patrol for 22 years and urges the committee to consider favorable passage of **HB 2329** which would truly reflect who they are and their job. He related their growth over the years and this bill would clean up the books to show the growth that has been achieved. (Attachment 9)

There were no other people wishing to address **HB 2329** and the Chair closed the public hearing.

Chairman Edmonds directed committee attention to **HB 2966** - ordering out militia in local, state or federal disaster.

*Representative Everett Johnson made a motion to pass out **HB 2966** to the consent calendar. Representative Kelsey seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

The Chairman next asked the committee to consider **HB 2329** - change the name of the "capitol area security patrol" to "capitol police".

*Representative Brunk made a motion to pass out **HB 2329** to the consent calendar. Representative Merrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

The next bill for consideration was **HB 2982** - Kansas interstate emergency mutual aid act.

*Representative Loganbill made a motion to amend **HB 2982** by striking the words "at least biannually" from line 28, page 2, and to delete Section 8 entirely. Representative Burroughs seconded the motion. Bill was amended.*

*Representative Dillmore made a motion that **HB 2982** be moved out favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Miller. Motion passed.*

Chairman Edmonds advised the committee that before action was taken on **HB 2961**, they would await the information regarding the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) as requested from Randy Mettner of the Adjutant General's Office.

Representative Siegfried distributed and explained the draft from the subcommittee of Substitute for **HB 2724** - an act concerning juveniles; relating to the reduction of racial, geographic and other biases in the juvenile justice system. (Attachment 10)

Don Jordan, Acting Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority stood before the committee to encourage the passage of Substitute for **HB 2724**. (Attachment 11)

*Representative Burroughs moved that the language from **SB 47** be removed and replaced with the language suggested by the Substitute for **HB 2724**. Representative Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed, bill amended.*

*Representative Miller made a motion that **House Substitute 2724** for **SB 47** is recommended for passage. The motion was seconded by Judy Loganbill. Motion passed.*

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Mary Torrence of the Revisor's Office was not present when action was taken on **HB 2329** and she spoke to the Chairman and the committee relating that this was a carry over from last session and there are references to the 2004 supplement and she did not know if any of the sections in the bill may have been amended last year. In that case they would need to be stricken and reinserted. She further wanted to search that statute to ensure all statutes that need to be amended are reflected in the bill.

With no objection, Chairman Edmonds stated that they would not send **HB 2329** to the consent calendar and would allow the revisor to make the necessary technical adjustments.

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.