

Approved: February 8, 2007

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlen Siegfroid at 1:30 P.M. on February 6, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ted Powers- excused

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor

Carol Doel, Committee Assistant

Conferees:

Representative Ann Mah

Ray Hammarlund, Kansas Department of Commerce

Norman Jennings, Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery

Carole Jordan, Kansas Department of Agriculture

R.E. "Tuck" Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Assn.

Tom Groneman, Alcohol and Beverage Control

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Siegfroid opened the floor for introduction of bills and requested a bill concerning the Kansas high school activities association. The Chair made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections, the bill was accepted.

The Chair requested a second bill concerning fireworks and distribution thereof. The Chair made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections, the bill was accepted.

Representative Hodge was recognized and requested a bill relating to voting equipment. The Chair made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections, the bill was accepted.

Representative Hodge requested a bill concerning abortion. The Chair made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections, the bill was accepted.

Representative Hodge requested a bill concerning the Kansas and Missouri metropolitan culture district compact. The Chair made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections, the bill was accepted.

Representative Hodge requested a bill regarding school districts; relating to compliance with federal requirements; relating to school finance. The Chair made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections, the bill was accepted.

The Chair recognized Representative Brunk who requested a bill concerning due process that relates to state and foreign courts. The Chair made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections, that bill was accepted.

Representative Brunk also requested a bill regarding unemployment reduction. The Chair made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections, the bill was accepted.

Representative Hawk requested a bill regarding increased testing for mercury emission. The Chairman made a motion seconded by Representative Peterson. With no objections the bill was accepted.

Chairman Siegfroid opened the meeting for hearing on **HB 2202** - concerning alcoholic liquors; relating to farm wineries.

Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research gave a briefing **HB 2202**.

Chairman Siegfroid recognized Representative Ann Mah who addressed the committee as a strong supporter of the farm wine industry. Representative Mah related that **HB 2202** clarifies that a farm winery or microbrewery may hold a cater's license in addition to Class B club and drinking establishment licenses. She further stated that it is largely a clarification of current law and restores a privilege wineries previously held.

(Attachment 1)

Ray Hammarlund, Director, Agriculture Products and Community Development, Kansas Department of Commerce

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spoke favoring the passage of **HB 2202** stating that there are now 18 licensed wineries in Kansas and they are a great asset helping to round the tourism and agritourism environment. He further stated that the consumption of wine is a natural complement to the consumption of food products and allowing these existing farm wineries to obtain licenses to serve food and wine together adds to the returns reaped by each individual business. (Attachment 2)

Next to address the committee in support of **HB 2202** was Norman Jennings of the Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery. Mr. Jennings expressed the opinion that the grape and wine industry in Kansas is one that has the potential to be a major contributor to the state agritourism and value-added agricultural industries, as well as state alcohol tax revenue sources. Mr. Jennings ask to committee to vote favorable for **HB 2202** which would restore their catering ability. (Attachment 3)

Carole Jordan, Director of Rural and Legislative Affairs Kansas Department of Agriculture also favors the passage of **HB 2202**. Ms. Jordan's testimony gave the opinion the grape and wine industry can be an important part of the Kansas agricultural and rural landscape, and that we should not put barriers in the road to success for these agricultural entrepreneurs, instead, we should encourage their development and growth. (Attachment 4)

R.E. "Tuck" Duncan representing the Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association testified as neutral on **HB 2202**. They do not object to its passage, but did request that the Committee not use the bill as a "vehicle" for other issues relating to beverage alcohol regulation. (Attachment 5) Mr. Duncan also presented the Committee with a Primer on Kansas' Beverage Alcohol System. (Attachment 6)

Tom Groneman of the Alcohol and Beverage Control addressed the committee to clarify **HB 2202**, and stated that the ABC has no problems with the bill. (No Testimony)

With no other person wishing to address the bill, the Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2202**.

Chairman Siegfried requested a copy of the caterer's form for informational use by the committee.

Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research, supplied the committee with information regarding "Local Alcoholic Liquor Fund and Distribution of Moneys" as requested by Representative Mah. (Attachment 7)

Chairman Siegfried returned to the introduction of bills and moved that two bills be accepted as requested by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

1) Altering the Child Support enforcement income withholding by raising medical support in the order of priority.

2) Clarifying the Secretary's authority to impose child support enforcement fees and imposing mandatory \$25 annual fee for Child Support Enforcement cases in which the family has never received Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF) under Title IV-A of the social security act as required through the DRA and collections reach \$500 for the year. Representative Huebert seconded the motion. With no objections, these bills were accepted.

The Chair requested a motion for approval of the minutes of February 2, 2007.

Representative Peterson moved that the minutes of February 2, 2007 be approved as read. Representative Loganbill made a second. Motion passed.

With no further business before the committee Chairman Siegfried adjourned the meeting.