

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on March 15, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Nile Dillmore
Sandra Vader, Community Health Charities
Mari Tucker, Office of the state Bank Commissioner
Representative Rob Olson
Matt All, Chief Counsel to Governor
Eric Rucker, Sr. Deputy Attorney General
Ben Vidricksen

Others attending:

See attached list.

Sub for HB 2727- Authorizing certain payroll deductions for state employees

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2727**.

Representative Nile Dillmore, appeared in support of the bill. (Attachment 1) The bill would approve Community Health Charities as an authorized State of Kansas charitable organization. A balloon was provided to change the language on page 1 line 34 striking "or both" and page 2 line 27 striking "state general fund" and inserting accounting services recovery fund. (Attachment 2)

Sandra Vader, Community Health Charities, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 3) Community Health Charities is a federation of 31 local health charities, that represent these community-based charities in public and corporate workplace giving campaigns.

Mari Tucker, Office of the State Bank Commissioner, appeared in support of the bill. (Attachment 4) She stated that the bill would allow State of Kansas employees the opportunity to contribute to Community Health Charities with payroll deductions.

Written testimony was submitted in favor of the bill by Judy Keller, American Lung Association of Kansas, (Attachment 5) and Duane Bruce, National Sickle Cell Disease Association, (Attachment 6).

Marilyn Jacobson, Department of Administration, answered questions about the list of 1,700 federal charitable organizations and that each of those are charged to be on the list. An example is of the 37 organization listed under United Way only 22 receive donations, but all are charged to be listed. There are only two federations operating in Kansas at this time.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2727**.

HB 2541 - No marriage license for persons 15 and under; persons 16 and 17 may have license with parent or judicial consent

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2541**.

Representative Rob Olson, appeared in support of the bill. (Attachment 7) The bill would raise the minimum marriage age to 16 with parental consent. Currently, the state statute allows for a 12 year old female or 14

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year old male to marry with parental consent. Forty states have set the minimum age limit at 16 or higher for marriage.

Matt All, Chief Counsel to the Governor, appeared in support of the bill. (Attachment 8) The gap in the law provides a safe haven for grown adults to prey on children and is unacceptable and inconsistent with Kansas values.

Eric Rucker, Office of the Attorney General, spoke in support of the bill. (Attachment 9) The bill would mandate that the minimum age that one may become married and the minimum age that one may consent to sexual activity is the same.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2541**.

SCR 1621 - Museum of Scouting

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SCR 1621**.

Ben Vidricksen, spoke in favor of the current resolution. (Attachment 10) Scouting began in Salina in 1909, being formed by Rev. John Romanof through St. John's Military school, which connects the museum to scouting history.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SCR 1621**.

Final Action:

SCR 1621 - Museum of Scouting

Senator Brownlee moved to pass SCR 1621 out favorably. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am. The next scheduled meeting is March 16, 2006.