

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Barker at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, in room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Connie Bahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Joanna Dolan, Legislative Research Department  
Jordan Milholland, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Bill introductions**

Chairperson Barker called for requests for bill introductions from the Committee and then from the audience. Seeing none, the time for requests for bill introductions was closed.

**Possible action on bills previously heard**

**HB2150 - Prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms in certain buildings.**

Chairperson Barker advised the Committee that they would continue working **HB2150** from yesterday. He opened the floor for discussion on the amendment that was proposed yesterday ([Attachment 1](#)).

Representative Carpenter stated that this amendment limits Second Amendment rights.

Representative Whitmer stated he received 139 emails opposed to this amendment and zero in support.

Representative Jacobs read some quotes from Thomas Jefferson and Ronald Reagan. He is strongly opposed to this amendment and the bill itself.

Representative Humphries stated that she is in agreement with Representative Jacobs.

*Chairperson Barker closed on the amendment to **HB2150**. A vote was taken, and the Chair indicated that the nos had it. The amendment failed.*

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The Chair reopened discussion on **HB2150**.

Representative Whitmer moved to amend **HB2150 (Attachment 2)**, seconded by Representative Carpenter.

Representative Whitmer stated that the amendment adds to the definition on page 5, lines 8 and 9, of state or municipal buildings to include buildings located within a STAR bond project district. These are buildings which were constructed using taxpayer monies.

At the request of the Chair, Jason Long, gave an overview of the amendment. Questions were asked by Representatives Rooker, Ruiz, Humphries, Williams, Wilson, Averkamp, and Wilson.

Representative Whitmer closed on his amendment to **HB2150**. An oral vote was taken, and it was the Chair's opinion that the nos had it. Division was called by Representative Carpenter, and a vote was taken by a raise of hands. The amendment failed following a vote of nine ayes and thirteen nos.

Representatives Carpenter, Humphries, Whitmer, Smith, Houser, Jacobs, Arnberger, and Averkamp asked to have their aye votes recorded.

The Chair opened the floor for discussion on **HB2150**.

Representative Carpenter moved to amend **HB2150 (Attachment 3)**, seconded by Representative Whitmer.

Representative Carpenter stated that a new section 2 is being added. It states that no owner of a building which is subject to a written agreement entered into by such owner and a public housing authority for assistance shall prohibit possession of a firearm by any tenant in a dwelling unit of that building.

Jason Long, Revisor, gave an overview of the amendment to **HB2150**. Questions were asked by Representatives Highberger, and Wilson.

Discussion then ensued by Representatives Smith, Humphries, Lusk, Rooker, Highberger, and Miller as to whether this amendment is necessary. Chairperson Barker asked Representative Carpenter if he wanted to withdraw his amendment, and he indicated that he did not.

Representative Carpenter closed on the amendment to **HB2150**. An oral vote was taken, and it was the opinion of the Chair that the nos had it. Division was called by Representative Whitmer. A vote was taken by a raise of hands. There were ten votes for and eleven opposed to the amendment. The amendment to **HB2150** failed.

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The following Committee members asked to have their aye votes recorded: Representatives Humphries, Carpenter, Whitmer, Smith, Williams, Weber, Arnberger, Averkamp, Houser, and Jacobs.

Chairperson Barker called for further discussion on the bill.

Representatives Carpenter, Houser, Williams, and Jacobs stated their opposition to **HB2150**. Representatives Clayton and Ruiz support the bill.

*Representative Highland closed on his motion to pass **HB2150**. An oral vote was taken, and it was the Chair's opinion that the no votes had it. Division was called by Representatives Ruiz and Rooker. A vote was taken by a raise of hands. The vote was tied at eleven to eleven. Chairman Barker chose not to vote. **HB2150** failed to pass.*

The following aye votes are recorded: Representatives Ruiz, Henderson, Clayton, Lusk, Wilson, Rooker, Highberger, and Karleskint.

The following no votes are recorded: Representatives Carpenter, Whitmer, Smith, Weber, Williams, Humphries, Arnberger, Averkamp, Jacobs, and Houser.

**HCR5005 - Making application to the U.S. Congress to call a convention of states.**

Chairperson Barker asked the Committee to open their folders on **HCR5005**.

*Representative Carpenter moved that **HCR5005** be recommended for favorable passage, seconded by Representative Smith.*

Representatives Wilson and Houser do not support this resolution. Representatives Smith and Williams expressed their support of **HCR5005**.

*Representative Carpenter closed on **HCR5005**. An oral vote was taken, and the Chair was in doubt. A vote was taken by a raise of hands. Nine voted in favor of **HCR5005**, thirteen voted against the bill. **HCR5005** failed to pass.*

Representative Carpenter's vote in favor of **HCR5005** is recorded.

**Bill introductions**

Chairperson Barker opened the floor for requests for bill introductions. Representative Sawyer requested a bill that reflects Representative Carpenter's amendment. The request was accepted.

There being no further business, Chairperson Barker adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

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