

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Brunk at 1:30 p.m. on March 08, 2011, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Carlson – excused
Representative Fund – excused
Representative Holmes - excused
Representative Kiegerl - excused
Representative Peterson - excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called for the committee to work **HCR 5010 Endorsing Taiwan's participation as an observer in the ICAO and UNFCCC.**

Mike Heim gave a briefing on the bill. Representative Loganbill asked why the resolution. The Chairman said this is a resolution that we do every year. It helps form relations and shows respect.

Representative Knox made a motion to pass the resolution out favorably and asked for it to be placed on the consent calendar, seconded by Representative Gatewood, the motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2178 Granting professional licenses to nonresident individuals.**

Representative Wolfe Moore said that staff had an amendment (Attachment 1).

Representative Goico said that he favored the amendment. Representative O'Hara said that she was also supportive of the bill.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands showing support for the words “shall” or “may” in the bill. Representative Goico said it should remain “shall”. “Shall” says that you will grant a license providing that all the other requirements are complied with. Representative Rubin said that he agreed with Representative Goico and that if you use the word “may” you might as well not do the bill.

Representative Gatewood said that he wanted each of the agencies to be able to test the applicant before a license is issued.

Representative Wolfe Moore said that she agreed with Goico and Rubin. She asked if these safeguards are in place is the “shall” or “may” important? Representative Loganbill asked if it would be appropriate to put a sunset in the bill in order to get the groups to come back. Representative Goico said that if this bill creates consequences then we can have the agencies report to us next year containing ways we can change the bill. Representative O'Hara said that she needed a definition of “shall” added to the bill.

Representative Loganbill said that the process of reciprocity with another state can be tricky because there may be another state where their licensing requirements are what we would consider to be substandard. Representative Brunk said that is why Section 1. (b) (1) talks about the license requirements being equivalent to those established by the licensing body of this state.

Representative Knox said that we are talking about temporary residents of the state. I am not seeing them coming into Kansas and setting up a business. They are going to work for somebody. We are talking

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about people that are temporary. Representative Brunk said that there are possibilities that they might be assigned here for quite some time. Representative Grosserode said that we may need to have six months or a year provisional license.

Representative Goico said that Kansas wants to attract military bases to the state and keep the ones that we have. In order to do that we need to make Kansas a military friendly state.

Representative Loganbill said she did not want to give licenses just because they are military. That should not prevent them from meeting the requirements that every other Kansan meets.

The Chairman closed the hearing.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2229 Schools; equal access by employee associations and organizations.**

Representative Rubin said that he certainly did agree with this bill and the revisor that an amendment to the Professional Negotiations Act would be in order. Representative Loganbill said that would be a complete change in the PNA act. Representative O'Hara said that she agreed with Representative Rubin.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2229.**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 09, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.