

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 February 11, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Russell Mills, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office
John Beverlin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Julie Burkhart, Pro Kan Do
Senator Tim Huelskamp
Colonel Tod Bunting, Adjutant General's Department

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Brungardt called the meeting to order and welcomed Julie Burkhart to the podium.

Ms. Burkhart asked the committee to introduce a bill concerning emergency contraception education.

Senator Betts made a motion to introduce the bill. The bill was seconded by Senator Vratil. The bill was introduced.

Chairperson Brungardt welcomed Senator Huelskamp to provide a bill overview of **SB 400--Law enforcement; training of part time law enforcement officers.**

Senator Huelskamp explained **SB 400** would amend the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center language to clarify the definition of law enforcement. The bill would also clarify who is a part time employee, for training purposes.

Chairperson Brungardt thanked Senator Huelskamp. He then asked the committee to consider approval of the minutes for January 21, January 22, and January 27.

Senator Teichman made a motion for the approval of the minutes for January 21, January 22, and January 27. The motion was seconded by Senator Gilstrap. The minutes were approved.

Chairperson Brungardt opened the confirmation hearing for Adjutant General. He welcomed Colonel Tod Bunting to the podium.

Colonel Bunting introduced members of the audience to the committee. He provided key points of the Kansas National Guard for the committee. Colonel Bunting described his commitment to the Kansas National Guard and his plans for its future.

Chairperson Brungardt asked Colonel Bunting if he anticipates any changes with the Kansas National Guard.

Colonel Bunting explained that there will probably be structural changes. He explained there was an excess of artillery, more than what is needed. He further explained the need to receive new air model tankers.

Chairperson Brungardt asked whether the activation of guard units changes the mission of the Kansas National Guard.

Colonel Bunting explained that there were a large number of guard units deployed. He explained that his biggest concern was making sure the members stay with the National Guard when they return from deployment.

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Senator Vratil asked what Colonel Bunting sees as the appropriate role for the Adjutant General and his staff with regards to opposing or advocating for legislation.

Colonel Bunting stated he would make advisories and comments as needed, but the bulk of legislation that would ever be proposed by the Adjutant General's Department would have to do with the enhancement of safety and retention of soldiers. He further explained that legislation which would help facilities remain competitive would also be something the Adjutant General's Department would propose.

Senator Vratil offered an example. He asked if amendments to open meetings or open records laws that might affect national security would be something of interest to the Adjutant General's Department.

Colonel Bunting explained that he was willing to appear and discuss his views. He explained there was a fine line between keeping individuals adequately informed and providing information that could be considered sensitive.

Chairperson Brungardt asked the committee for additional questions. None were asked.

Senator Vratil made a motion to recommend the confirmation of Colonel Bunting as Kansas Adjutant General. The motion was seconded by Senator Teichman. The motion to recommend the confirmation of Colonel Bunting passed.

Chairperson Brungardt congratulated Colonel Bunting. He asked the committee for further business.

Senator Barnett asked the committee to introduce a bill concerning the exemption of automobile taxes for members of the armed forces on active duty.

Senator Barnett made a motion for the introduction fo the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Betts. The motion to introduce the bill passed.

Senator Barnett asked the committee to introduce a bill concerning the amendment of fiscal budgets for cities.

Senator Barnett made a motion for the introduction of the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Clark. The motion to introduce the bill passed.

Chairperson Brungardt asked the committee for additional business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in room 231-N.