

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 January 18, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Steve Morris

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties

Colonel Alan Soldan, Kansas National Guard

William M. Watson, Governor's Task Force on Racial Profiling

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties, requested a bill introduction to update and modify the Kansas laws relating to land surveyors.

Senator Longbine moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Abrams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mike Watson, Governor's Task Force on Racial Profiling, (GTFORP) provided the committee an overview of the recommendations and final report for the 2011 legislative session. (Attachment 1) The Task Force has been working in partnership with local and state law enforcement agencies to develop recommendations for the full implementation of Kansas racial profiling statues, KSA 22-4606 through 22-4611, as directed. The GTFORP received information from local and state law enforcement, other state and local agencies, individuals and groups of Kansas residents, and national experts in regard to racial profiling and other biased policing. The GTFORP is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2011.

The GTFORP will continue to work with the Governor's Office and the legislature to implement these recommendations and strategies, as requested. Additionally, the task force will provide communication and outreach to ensure that the residents of Kansas are knowledgeable of their right to fair and impartial law enforcement through the July 1, 2011 sunset date.

The task force developed a website www.gtforp.ks.gov to provide community outreach and to share task force information including meeting schedules and meeting minutes, task force member contact information, and other resources. The website of the Kansas Attorney General's Office show that 399 Kansas law enforcement agencies reported a total of 64 racial profiling complaints received in 2009. Of the 64 complaints, 5 are still pending, 3 were resolved with the complainant, and 56 were unfounded/closed. There were no findings of sustained racial profiling complaints.

The GTFORP recommendations included definition of racial profiling to be changed to biased policing, adopt a detailed written policy; training, distance learning technology, that citizen advisory boards be renamed "community advisory boards" and receive training on fair and impartial policing; all law enforcement agencies be required to report annually to the Attorney General's Office whether the agencies have received complaints or not; the date of those reports be changed from January 31 to July 31, and the reports to the AG's office be posted on their website.

Some members of the task force still expressed the view that data collection should be implemented statewide and should continue to attempt to find appropriate benchmarking and methods to analyze the data.

Mr. Watson provided the statutes, an example of a data collection form, a list of GTFORP members, staff, attendees, and resources.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the Federal and State Committee at 10:30 a.m. on January 18, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Colonel Alan Soldan provided the committee with an update on the Kansas National Guard. (Attachment 2) Colonel Soldan stated that 95% of future conflicts are projected to be asymmetric, which means that it would not be traditional military to military conflict; the types are civil wars, ethnic cleansing, piracy, terrorism, cyber war, religious/tribal conflict, WMD terrorism, and economic warfare.

The Fusion Center is multi-disciplinary with partnerships with over 25 federal, state, and local agencies and is Kansas focused. The Eisenhower Center is 1) multi-discipline education, 2) research and forecasting, 3) integrated evaluation, and 4) HLS best practices. Kansas center for safe and prepared schools has a membership of 248 school districts.

Deployment predictability concept allows for KSARNG soldiers and units, minimum of 24 month cycle/dwell time for individual soldiers and units, management of OPTEMPO, modeling of Mobs around assigned strength and availability (Dwell Time), better management of resources to units and elements in deployment cycle, and more focused near term planning and execution. Deployments for fiscal year 2011 total Army 1670 and Air 332.

Readiness Sustainment Maintenance Site (RSMS) mission is to repair, rebuild and overhaul military equipment as directed by the Army National Guard Logistics Division. The RSMS purpose is to increase ARNG Readiness by filling zero balance equipment on hand requirements.

A listing of open disasters was provided. There are 14 open disasters, and they have no impact on the guards equipment.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.