

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlen Siegfleid at 1:30 P.M. on March 1, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Representative Ted Powers- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Carol Doel, Committee Assistant

Conferees:

Bob Vancrum - Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Terry Brady - Metropolitan Cultural District Commission

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Siegfleid opened the floor for bill introductions and introduced Representative Huntington who requested a bill regarding tax credits for businesses. The Chair moved the bill with a second by Representative Mah. With no objections, this bill will be accepted.

There were no other bill introductions.

The Chair opened the floor for hearing on **HB 2453** - Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact; repeal thereof. Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department, gave an explanation of the bill stating that it would repeal the Kansas Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact. (Attachment 1)

The Chairman recognized Representative Hodge as a proponent of the **HB 2453** who stated that the bill allows counties on the Missouri side and the Kansas side to joint together on projects which he sees as largely unnecessary. Rep. Hodge opined that cities and counties are still able to work together without a formal arrangement and with a better and more prudent end result. (No Written Testimony)

With no other proponents, the Chair opened the floor to opponents of **HB 2453** and recognized Bob Vancrum of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Vancrum opposes **HB 2453** as the Chamber is in support of the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact passed in 1991. He gave the opinion that there are consequences to such an action which may not be appropriate. He further stated that the Compact itself is only enabling legislation. (Attachment 2)

Terry Brady, a representative of the Metropolitan Cultural District Commission also provided testimony opposing **HB 2453**. Mr. Brady stated that the Metropolitan Culture District exists to realize the desires of Kansas and Missouri to cooperate with one another, serve the best interests of their citizenry, improve cultural facilities, coordinate the services of cultural organizations and enhance the cultural activities of their communities. He also provided financial information. (Attachment 3)

No other person wished to address the bill and Chairman Siegfleid closed the hearing on **HB 2453**.

Chairman Siegfleid opened the floor for continued discussion on **HB 2528** - Concerning firearms. Senator Journey, Representative Ruff, Kyle Smith, KBI; Ed Klumpp, Association of Chief of Police; Sandy Jacquot, League of Kansas Municipalities; Charles Sexson, Director of Concealed Carry, Attorney General's Office; and Rob Davis, concerned citizen were all available to answer any concerns of the Committee.

Additional written information regarding **HB 2528** was provided by Ed Klumpp on behalf of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, (Attachment 4), and by Joe Waters, Director of Facilities (Attachment 5)

Chairman Siegfleid announced that action on **HB 2528** was planned for Monday, March 5th.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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With no further business before the Committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting.