

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 March 9, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ernest Garcia, Kansas Highway Patrol
Mike King, Kansas Lottery Commission
Jordan Austin, National Rifle Association of America
Patricia Stoneking, Kansas State Rifle Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Senator Owens requested a bill introduced allowing the sale of full strength beer, wine and spirits in grocery and convenience stores.

Senator Reitz moved that this request be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Confirmation Hearings:

Chairman Brungardt stated the committee was conducting two hearings for confirmation: Ernest Garcia, Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol, and Mike King, Member, Kansas Lottery Commission.

The Chairman welcomed Ernest Garcia to the podium for comments. Mr. Garcia provided a brief biographical overview of his military and federal government experience and his education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. (Attachment 1)

Mike King provided a brief biographical overview of his experience and education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation. (Attachment 2)

The Chairman called for a motion on the confirmations.

Senator Reitz made a motion to move to the full senate the confirmation for appointment of Ernest Garcia, Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and Mike King, Member, Kansas Lottery Commission, which expires March 15, 2014. Senator Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2013--sale and purchase of rifles and shotguns

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearings on HB 2013.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Jordan Austin, National Rifle Association of America, spoke in support of the bill. (Attachment 3) The current state statute requires that Kansas citizens can only purchase long guns in states that share a border with Kansas. Kansas firearms dealers (FFL's) can only sell long guns to either Kansas citizens, or citizens

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of states that share a border with Kansas. The bill would repeal those sections of code which require such actions and allow Kansas citizen's the freedoms that exist under Federal law with regard to the sale and purchase of long guns.

Patricia Stoneking, President, Kansas State Rifle Association, appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 4) The repeal of these statutes will allow for residents of states that are not contiguous to Kansas to purchase rifles and shotguns at licensed dealers in Kansas and allow for Kansas residents to purchase guns in states not contiguous to Kansas. Federal law currently allows for this.

Representative Richard Carlson provided written testimony in support of the bill. (Attachment 5) The bill only deals with licensed firearm dealers in Kansas, having the ability to sell long guns to qualified residents of states that do not border Kansas.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearings on **HB 2013**.

Final Action:

HB 2013--sale and purchase of rifles and shotguns

Senator Ostmeyer moved to pass **HB 2013** out favorably. Senator Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.