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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven R. Brunk at 1:30 p.m. on February 06, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Henderson – Excused  
Representative Holmes – Excused  
Representative Huebert – Excused  
Representative Peterson – Excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative John Rubin  
Philip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association  
Ron Hein, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association  
Janez Lomshek, Talk of the Town Restaurants  
R. E. “Tuck” Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association  
Doug Jorgensen, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control

Others attending: See attached.

The Chairman called for Bill Introductions. Representative Sharon Swartz introduced a bill granting easement private land. Allie Devine introduced the Kansas Business workers and community partnership act. Representative Gregory introduced a bill for liquor licenses for dinner trains. They were received without exception.

The minutes of 1/23/12, 1/24/12, 1/25/12, 1/26/12 and 1/30/12 were approved

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2550–Alcoholic beverages; prohibition against reduced price of drinks during certain times of the day deleted.**

Representative Rubin gave testimony as a proponent of **HB 2550 (Attachment 1)**. He stressed that this law has caused establishments to sell drinks at a reduced price the entire day at certain times. Allowing a “Happy Hour” would reduce that to a few hours. He also indicated that the bill was pro-business, especially where they compete with establishments in Missouri.

Philip Bradley testified as a proponent of **HB 2550 (Attachment 2)**. He said that the intent of the law was good but that it just does not work. We need to remove the all-day pricing requirement and then the all-day cheap drinks will stop.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee at 1:30 p.m. on February 06, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

Ron Hein appeared as a proponent of **HB 2550** (Attachment 3). He said that this change would especially benefit drinking establishments located near borders of the state, who are currently in a competitive disadvantage when competing with our across the state border neighbors.

Janez Lomshek testified as a proponent of **HB 2550** (Attachment 4). He said that the current law is bad for Kansas. This change will help our Kansas economy.

R. E. "Tuck" Duncan testified as a proponent of **HB 2550** (Attachment 5). He indicated that removing the language might not be enough and an amendment might be needed.

Doug Jorgensen appeared as neutral on **HB 2550** (Attachment 6). He suggested that **HB 2550** be amended by the insertion of language from **SB 288** which addresses the concern of ever increasing sizes of drinks served in towers or pitchers.

Representative Brunk asked if **SB 288** did away with the need for **HB 2550**? Doug said that it did not. Representative Rubin said that **SB 288** addresses the size of drinks and gives the definition of an individual drink.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2550** was submitted by:  
Megan Garrelts, Trezo Vino, (Attachment 7)  
Bill Michaud, Parrish Hotels Corporation, (Attachment 8)

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2550**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 08, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.