

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 15, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator O'Connor - excused  
Senator Vratil - excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Major General Tod Buntin, Kansas National Guard  
Barbara Dominguez, Secretary of State  
Philip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association  
Tuck Duncan, Kansas Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Major General Tod Bunting, appeared before the committee to provide an update on the Kansas National Guard. (Attachment 1) The total deployment is 838 soldiers and 39 airmen for a total of 877. Guard Troop Status:

Reset 53%  
Ready 21%  
Deployed 15%  
Deploying 11%

The troops are deployed for the specialty of what the Guard was trained for, and the equipment goes with the Guard unit to the theater. The following is a list of the Stay behind equipment:

Heavy equipment transporter  
Palletized loading system  
HMMWV  
Night vision goggles  
Tractors & trailers  
Graders, motorized  
Scoop loaders  
Bulldozers  
Generator (greater than 30KW)

The Guard responded to Katrina/Rita with the EMEDS, and shared with the committee the lessons learned:

Improve reconnaissance/scout teams  
Statewide database of deplorable assets  
Improved communications (process/coordination/equipment)  
Deployment training for non-military personnel  
Improved understanding of NIMS  
Need to Exercise and Constantly Improve Plans

Chairman Brungardt thanked the Major General for his presentation.

**SB 394 – Rules and regulations – approval of publication by State Rule and Regulations Board**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 394**.

Barbara Dominguez, Director Administrative Regulations and Session Laws, provided written testimony for the Secretary of State on the bill. (Attachment 2) The bill would amend the first sentence in current law to make clear that the State Rules and Regulations Board should meet after January 1 each year to determine

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which rules and regulations filed during the preceding calendar year are to be published in the KAR volumes or supplement.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 394**

**SB 555 – Allowing club and drinking establishment patrons to carry out partially consumed containers of alcoholic liquor**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 555**.

Philip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, appeared in support of the bill. (Attachment 3) The bill would allow patrons a way to take home unfinished beverages in a safe and controlled manner, and discouraging consumers from finishing the entire bottle purchased just because it was illegal to remove it from the premise. Included in this bill are many conditions to assure only legal products, within specific conditions may be bagged and the open container laws are met.

Tuck Duncan, Kansas Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association, spoke in support of the bill. (Attachment 4) Mr. Duncan stated this form of legislation will encourage moderate consumption of beverage alcohol and yet ensure compliance with the Kansas open container laws.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 555**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am. The next scheduled meeting is February 16, 2006.