

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Nancey Harrington at 10:30 a.m. on February 6, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor  
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Dave Jackson  
Jim Finlan, Chairman, Kansas Urban Forestry Council  
Patti Armstrong, Newsletter Editor, Kansas Urban Forestry Council  
Harlan Forslund, Member, Kansas Urban Forestry Council  
Terry L. Bertels, Board of Directors, Kansas Arborist Association  
Jim Herynk, Board of Directors, Kansas Forestry Service  
Eric Berg, Community Forest Coordinator, Kansas Forestry Service

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Harrington opened the hearing on:

**SB 133 An act relating to the observance of Arbor Day**

Senator Dave Jackson stated that he believed that Arbor day should be changed from the fourth Friday in March to the fourth Friday in April. Senator Jackson's written testimony in support of a change of the date of observance of Arbor day was included. ([Attachment 1](#)).

Senator Jackson introduced Mr. Jim Finlan, Chairman, Kansas Urban Forestry Council, who then presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)).

Patti Armstrong, Newsletter Editor, Kansas Urban Forestry Council, presented her testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)).

Harlan Forslund, Member, Kansas Urban Forestry Council, presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 4](#)).

Terry L. Bertels, Board of Directors, Kansas Arborist Association, presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#)).

Jim Herynk, Board of Directors, Kansas Forestry Service, presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 6](#)).

Eric Berg, Community Forest Coordinator, Kansas Forestry Service, presented his testimony as a proponent of the bill. ([Attachment 7](#)).

Chairman Harrington opened the hearing for debate.

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Senator Vratil proposed that the bill be amended so that the proclamation by the governor would not be required.

Senator Gooch questioned how this change in date would be publicized. Theresa Kiernan replied that the groups which had come before the committee would be in charge of such publicity.

Senator Vratil moved to amend the bill so that the proclamation by the Governor of this change would be permissive. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senator Vratil moved that the committee recommend the amended bill favorably to the entire Senate. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Harrington asked for questions, and there were none.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on February 7, 2001.