

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 20, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale Bunn, City of Ft. Scott  
Jeff Sweetser, Chamber of Commerce  
Michael Meadors, Johnson County Parks and Rec  
Jim Loach, National Park Service

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Brungardt, requested a bill introduction that concerns the state certified and licensed real property appraisers. (Attachment 1)

Senator Barnett moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SB 321 - Fort Scott/Bourbon county riverfront authority act.**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 321**.

Dale Bunn, Director Economic Development, Ft. Scott and Jeff Sweetser, Ft. Scott Chamber of Commerce, both spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 2) The bill would encourage capital investment, to create recreational, retail, entertainment, economic development, and housing within the riverfront. The operating capital would be provided from revenue or income derived from the riverfront authority or from grants. This bill is almost verbatim to **SB 575** from 2006. There are two technical changes to the bill: On line 26, page 1 to include Metropolitan area includes the area with the corporate limits of the city of Fort Scott and within 5 miles from the corporate limits along the Marmaton River. This enables the project to include the trails and other features both up and down stream from the park area. The second change relates to Sec. 2 (j) to change Kansas River to Marmaton River. Also included in the packet was a Fiscal Note and two resolutions from the City of Ft. Scott and Bourbon County in support of the bill.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 321**.

**SB 332 - Concerning bonds issued by the Johnson county park and recreation district**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 332**.

Michael Meadors, Director, Johnson County Parks and Recreation, presented testimony in favor of the bill. (Attachment 3) In the perception of public process the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners and Johnson County Government have had the opportunity to respond to this proposed bill. They have had a joint meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, February 28, 2007, and this topic, not this bill, originally was all ready to be discussed and respectfully asks the committee in delaying or tabling any action until at least those two bodies have met; we are a quasi governing agency and in 52 years had a history with the State of Kansas and believe this is a local issue and should be directed there appropriately. The bill makes two significant changes; the first would require the Johnson County Board

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of County Commissioners (BOCC) to formally authorize the issuance of bonds by the Park District; secondly, it would require stating the amount of the bonds and “the estimated total cost of the repayment of the bonds over the term proposed” or interest costs within the ballot language.

The committee suggested that when the bill is worked, to insert instead of using the school district to identify the area, that maybe quadrant of the county be used, i.e. the Northeast quadrant of the county.

Bud Burke, City of Olathe, supported the bill in concept, but was not prepared to submit written testimony.

David Lindstrom, Johnson County Commissioner, provided written testimony in support of the bill. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 332**.

### **SB 356 - Ceding concurrent jurisdiction over crimes in national parks**

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 356**.

James Loach, Associate Regional Director for Operations National Park Service, appeared in support of the bill. (Attachment 5) The bill seeks to amend KSA 27-120 in order to add three parks which have come into the National Park System in the State of Kansas since the enactment of the original legislation in 1985, and would add Brown vs Board of Education National Historic Site, the Nicodemus National Historic Site and the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve to the list of properties eligible for concurrent jurisdiction with the State of Kansas and the Federal Government. The term “concurrent legislative jurisdiction” is intended herein as vesting in the State and the United States all the rights accorded sovereignty with the broad qualification that such authority is held concurrently over matters including but not limited to, criminal laws and police powers.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 356**

The Revisor offered a technical amendment to change Tallgrass to one word in line 23 page 1.

Senator Reitz moved to adopt the amendment and to pass SB 356 out favorably as amended. Senator Ostmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Final Action:**

### **SB 319 - Counties; foreclosure and sale of real estate**

Dale Goter, City of Wichita, explained the balloon. (Attachment 6)

Senator Vratil will offer another amendment and asked that the bill be held in committee until the amendment is drafted.

The chairman agreed to hold the bill until the amendment is drafted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am. The next scheduled meeting is February 21, 2007.