

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

August 30-31, 2004
Room 519-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Jay Scott Emler, Chairman
Representative Lee Tafanelli, Vice-Chairman
Senator Jim Barone
Senator Dave Jackson
Senator Nick Jordan
Senator Chris Steineger
Representative Mario Goico
Representative Margaret Long
Representative Judy Showalter

Member Absent

Representative Carl Krehbiel

Staff Present

Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Cathy Conn, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Dr. Ron Trewyn, Vice-Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, Kansas State University
Dr. Ralph Richardson, Dean of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, Kansas State University
Dr. Kirby Chapman, Natural Gas Machinery Laboratory/Pipeline Security, Kansas State University
Skip Loper, PhD, Associate Vice President for Research, Wichita State University
JoAnn Smith, PhD, Vice-Provost for University Outreach and Dean, University of Kansas
Dale Grube, Associate Dean and Director of Kansas University Medical Center Continuing Education, University of Kansas
Ed Pavey, Director, Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, University of Kansas
Glen Pribbenow, Director, Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute
David Cook, PhD, Director, Health and Technical Outreach, University of Kansas Medical Center, University of Kansas

Jim Roberts, PhD, Vice-Provost for Research; President, Kansas University Center for Research, Inc., University of Kansas
Dr. Jerome Dobson, PhD, Professor, Department of Geography President, American Geographical Society

Others Attending

See attached list.

Monday, August 30 Morning Session

Vice-Chairman, Lee Tafanelli, called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m., and requested that Robert Waller give a brief summary of the purpose and duties of the Committee.

Mr. Waller stated that the task of the Committee is to discuss homeland security/bio-terrorism projects and funding conducted by Regents Universities, and to inform the Legislature as to Board of Regents Universities involvement in Kansas preparedness for all-hazards incidents, homeland security/bio-terrorism support for the state and nation, and training and preparedness classes that are being offered or conducted.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli called on the representatives from Kansas State University (KSU) and introduced Dr. Ron Trewyn to the Committee. Dr. Trewyn gave a powerpoint presentation which focused on bio-security activities being conducted by KSU. He discussed KSU's national agricultural bio-security center and the opportunities presented to interface with the state, counties, and community colleges. Therefore, KSU launched the "Homeland Defense Food Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Program." A \$50 million facility for bio-security research, which in part was financed by Homeland Security dollars. Dr. Trewyn indicated that there was a need for a plan to dispose of animals in the event of an epidemic or bio-terrorist attack. He noted that Ford County has a very effective plan in place (Attachment 1).

Next, the Vice-Chairman Tafanelli recognized Dr. Ralph Richardson, Dean of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. He gave a powerpoint presentation on various aspects of agricultural bio-security. He informed the Committee that the University was currently participating in a project called Rapid Syndrome Validation Project for Animals (which is modeled after a human emergency room setting) the project would provide physicians with the ability to recognize syndromes or diseased animals by radiographs, long before the disease reaches epidemic status.

Dr. Kirby Chapman, Professor, KSU and Director of Natural Gas Machinery Laboratory/Pipeline Security, was next recognized to give a powerpoint presentation about the necessity to update our natural gas lines. He noted that the pipelines were installed in the 1940s, and discussed the need for new compressors as they are very out-dated, and no parts are available for repair. Dr. Chapman explained that in order for gas to be moved, there must be compression stations every 60-70 miles to keep the pressure high enough to keep gas pumping in the line. Disruption in natural gas transmissions would lead to a substantial curtailment of electrical power, and would affect our economy and national defense adversely (Attachment 2).

Committee questions followed. Senator Barone inquired if there were any security measures in place currently to protect our pipelines.

Dr. Chapman stated that since the pipelines are transporting across state borders they are regulated by Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). There is an office within KDOT, called the Office of Pipeline Safety. Annual inspections are required, but they have not done anything as far as security is concerned.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli stated that the state has numerous activities being conducted by its institutions, and he is not sure that the state is fully aware of existing resources to maximize efficiencies and the federal dollars distributed to the state.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli thanked Dr. Trewyn and the staff of KSU for coming and sharing their thoughts and views on this important subject.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli welcomed Dr. Skip Loper, Wichita State University (WSU). Dr. Loper summarized WSU's research projects addressing military preparedness and biological threats. Dr. Loper remarked that in the area of homeland security, WSU's main focus is to provide training in general emergency preparedness, and crisis management, with public administrators, staff, city and county managers, and financial officers teaching these workshops. Training on counter-terrorism is offered by the Department of Criminal Justice faculty to regular WSU students. WSU also had some involvement with the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP), who requested \$1.2 million in federal homeland security funding in September of 2003, to conduct training of public safety-first responders to weapons of mass destruction. He noted that an estimated 5,600 employees of first responder agencies will be served through these classes, being conducted in six-to-eight hour segments. However, the University informed the Committee that WSU had not received a response from the Kansas Highway Patrol about the proposal. Dr. Loper is a partner with the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and University of Kansas (KU) in an NIH-funded Planning Grant-Research Center of Excellence of Bio-Defense and Emerging Pathogens. A WSU faculty member in the Department of Chemistry is conducting research under this grant in the generation of novel types of anti-microbial therapeutics against certain bacterial strains that are multi-drug resistant, which could be introduced by terrorists (Attachment 3).

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli, asked Dr. Loper if the University had attempted to contact the Kansas Highway Patrol regarding the proposal to provide training of first responders, which was submitted almost a year ago.

Dr. Loper stated that the University had contacted the KHP and were informed that the allocation of those funds by the KHP had not been made.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli welcomed University of Kansas/Division of Continuing Education to the Committee, and introduced Dr. Jo Ann Smith who noted that through a state mandate, the University of Kansas is charged with the critical responsibility of training emergency first responders in medical, fire and rescue, and law enforcement statewide. Through University of Kansas programs, Kansas medical personnel, fire and rescue first responders, and law enforcement officers receive nationally certified and accredited training specific to the standards and requirements of their professional associations (Attachment 4).

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli recognized Dale Gruber, Associate Dean and Director of Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC) Continuing Education, who testified on continuing education initiatives at KU and provided each Committee member a copy of the Bio-Terrorism Reference Cards, that were prepared for emergency workers in case of a bio-terrorist event (Attachment 5).

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli recessed the meeting, to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

**Monday, August 30
Afternoon Session**

The Committee was called to order at 1:15 p.m. Vice-Chairman Tafanelli called on Dr. David Cook, KUMC. Dr. Cook discussed the University's efforts to train emergency workers for a bio-terrorism attack. In October 2003, the Bureau of Health Professions, awarded a two-year grant to KUMC totaling \$2.2 million to train almost 4,600 multi-disciplinary health professionals and 450 others in Kansas and the greater Kansas City area. This training covers biological/chemical/nuclear warfare, agro-terror, and reporting. He stated that they have trained approximately 2,000 workers (Attachment 6).

Next, Vice-Chairman Tafanelli recognized Glen Prebbenow, Director of Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute who provided testimony and the Institute's involvement in training emergency personnel in the event of a terrorist attack. He informed the Committee that the legislature created the program in 1949 and authorized the Institute to train Kansas firefighters through a mobile fire academy. He noted that the Institute is sponsoring a public forum called "Saturday Morning at Kansas University Medical Center" September 25, 2004, which will focus on providing information responding to emergency incidents through several classes offered that day (Attachment 7).

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli recognized Ed Pavey, Kansas Law Enforcement Training Institute (KLETC), to discuss KLETC's involvement in providing homeland security training. Director Pavey informed the Committee that KLETC is a unit of continuing education at KU, located at the former naval air station, south of the City of Hutchinson. Their mission is "the promotion and development of improved law enforcement personnel and procedures through the state (Attachments 8 and 9). Director Pavey provided the Committee with information relating to different classes offered by KLETC, and discussed its duties in training a majority of law enforcement officers within the state.

Dr. Jim Roberts, President, Kansas University Center for Research, Inc., KU and Dr. Jerome Dobson, PhD, Department of Geography President, American Geographical Society, were welcomed to the Committee by Vice-Chairman Tafanelli. Dr. Dobson gave a powerpoint presentation discussing KU's research regarding geographic information systems and the war on terrorism. Geographic Information Systems is a digital representation of the earth, structured to support analogy. Dr. Dobson thanked the Committee for allowing them to come to present their research initiatives that relate to Homeland Security.

Next, Vice-Chairman Tafanelli recognized Dr. Leonard "Kris" Krishtalka, who gave a powerpoint presentation and spoke to the Committee on KU's program on Bio-terrorism Risk Assessment. He informed the Committee that the research focuses on risk assessment to calculate the probability of an attack and to assist in the detection of a bio-terrorism event. The research predicts where and when certain kinds of biological terror agents can be spread across the country, thus providing information to assist in the prevention of such attacks.

Dr. Roberts concluded by thanking the Committee for allowing all of the colleges to come together today, as this was very helpful and informative in demonstrating all of the various activities being conducted by Regents Universities in the area of Homeland Security.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli thanked everyone that had come to share their views and their proposals on this important subject of Homeland Security.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli turned the meeting over to Chairman Senator Emler for his comments.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli reminded the Committee that tomorrow's meeting would be a closed meeting, and concluded the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Tuesday, August 31 Morning Session

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and announced he had been advised by staff that the "essential personnel" designation is granted by the Committee, and no official formalities are required.

Senator Jordan moved that the open meeting of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security be recessed for a closed, executive meeting pursuant to the Joint Rule 5 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and subsection (b)(13) of KSA 2003 Supp. 75-4319, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 177 of the 2004 Session Laws of Kansas, for the purpose of consulting with designated individuals from certain state agencies regarding matters (1) relating to the security of state officers or employees, or both, or the security of buildings and property under the ownership or control of the State of Kansas, or (2) matters relating to security measures which matters, if discussed at an open meeting, would jeopardize such security measures, that the Joint Committee on Kansas Security resume the open meeting in Room 519-S, of the Statehouse, at 1:30 p.m., and that this motion, adopted, be recorded in the minutes of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security and be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the Committee. Motion carried.

The Committee designated personnel noted in the August 31, 2004 agenda as essential personnel to attend the presentation along with staff members, Robert Waller and Bruce Kinzie.

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Vice-Chairman Tafanelli reopened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. to be closed.

Chairman Emler moved that the open meeting of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security be recessed for a closed, executive meeting pursuant to the Joint Rule 5 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and subsection (b)(13) of KSA 2003 Supp. 75-4319, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 177 of the 2004 Session Laws of Kansas, for the purpose of consulting with designated individuals from certain state agencies regarding matters (1) relating to the security of state officers or employees, or both, or the security of buildings and property under the ownership or control of the State of Kansas, or (2) matters relating to security measures which matters, if discussed at an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures, that the Joint Committee on Kansas Security resume the open meeting in Room 519-S, of the Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m., and that this motion be recorded in the minutes of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security and be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the Committee. Motion Carried.

Chairman Emler reopened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. to be closed.

Vice-Chairman Tafanelli moved that the open meeting of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security be recessed for a closed, executive meeting pursuant to the Joint Rule 5 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and subsection (b)(13) of KSA 2003 Supp. 75-4319, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 177 of the 2004 Session Laws of Kansas, for the purpose of consulting with designated individuals from certain state agencies regarding matters (1) relating to

the security of state officers or employees, or both, or the security of buildings and property under the ownership or control of the State of Kansas, or (2) matters relating to security measures which matters, if discussed at an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures, that the Joint Committee on Kansas Security resume the open meeting in Room 519-S, of the Statehouse, at 4:30 p.m., and that this motion be recorded in the minutes of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security and be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the Committee. Motion Carried.

Prepared by Cathy Conn
Edited by Robert Waller

Approved by Committee on:

September 13, 2004
(date)