

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 March 16, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Hensley - excused

Committee staff present:
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Tuck Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association

Others attending:
See attached list.

SB 590 - Kansas flavored malt beverage act

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 590**.

Tuck Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association, appeared before the committee in support of the bill. (Attachment 1) The bill preserves the current practice of classifying these products as malt beverages and recognizes the federal labeling rules; without action the Kansas Department of Revenue has informed the industry that it will classify these products as spirits. Also attached is correspondence signed off by the industry supporting this bill. (Attachment 2)

Winnfield Atkins, Diageo North America, provided written testimony in support of the bill. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 590**.

Final Action:

SB 580 - Repeal of Topeka/Shawnee County consolidation law

Senator Vratil moved to pass SB 580 out favorably. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 590 - Kansas flavored malt beverage act

Senator Vratil moved to pass SB 590 out favorably. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2541 - No marriage license for persons 15 and under; persons 16 and 17 may have license with parent or judicial consent

Senator Reitz moved to pass HB 2541 out favorably. Senator Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hearing on:

HB 2809 - Unification of city of Tribune and Greeley county

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2809**.

Senator Ostmeyer, spoke in support of the bill. (Attachment 4) The bill would allow to organize a study commission to prepare the unification of County Commission and Tribune City Council.

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Written testimony was submitted in support of the bill by Representative Gary Hayzlett, (Attachment 5) and Nancy Weeks, Kansas County Officials Association. (Attachment 6)

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on HB 2809.

Final Action:

HB 2809 - Unification of city of Tribune and Greeley county

Senator Ostmeyer moved to pass HB 2809 out favorably. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am. The next scheduled meeting is March 21, 2006.