

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Doug Mays at 2:35 p.m. on February 5, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Ray Cox, Excused  
Representative Broderick Henderson, Excused  
Representative L. Candy Ruff, Excused  
Representative R. J. Wilson, Excused

Committee staff present: Theresa M. Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department  
Shelia Pearman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Becky Hutchins  
Representative Jim Garner  
Charles Yunker, American Legion  
Gary Slimmer  
Ralph Snyder

Others attending: See attached list

No bill introductions were requested.

### Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2105**.

Representative Hutchins said this bill was necessary to educate the youth of our state about the U.S. flag as encompassed in United States Code 170 through 177 (Attachment #1). This was previously submitted in 1999 as **HB 2475** with no fiscal implications at that time. Current fiscal note anticipates \$2,500 to cover printing of literature and postage expenses, for mailing literature to 1,500 locations (Attachment #2).

Representative Garner submitted written testimony which documented the first introduction of flag education and proper display was the 1998 **HCR 5057** (Attachment #3).

Mr. Yunker noted February is Americanism month and that Missouri and Louisiana are the latest states to require Flag Education be taught in their respective schools. (Attachment #4)

As an educator at various levels, Mr. Slimmer noted lifetime “pride in themselves ... and our country” as potential benefits for children through this program. He also relayed information Senator Jackson provided that **SB 163** is a companion bill with 23 sponsors. (Attachment #5)

Mr. Snyder became concerned when he learned at a Veterans Day program the Pledge of Allegiance is seldom spoken in the classroom. (Attachment #6) He urged the committee to support this bill and encourage our future leaders to return to their patriotic roots

Hearing on **HB 2105** was closed.

Representative Hutchins moved that Committee recommend **HB 2105** favorable for passage.  
Representative Dahl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 2:50. The next schedule meeting is February 6, 2001.