

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancey Harrington at 10:45 a.m. on February 12, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Gary Winget, Kansans for Addiction Prevention
Lori Alvarado, Prevention Team Leader, Substance Abuse Program, Treatment, and Recovery, SRS

Others attending: Please see attached.

Chairperson Harrington opened the meeting by asking members if they had any bill introductions.

Senator O'Connor asked for the introduction of a bill regarding school vouchers and made note to the committee that its fiscal note would save the general fund two million dollars.

Senator O'Connor made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Lyon seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Senator Teichman requested that her opposition to the bill's introduction be noted.

Mr. Winget made a presentation before the committee regarding prevention issues. (Attachment 1)

Ms. Alvarado also explained to the committee some of the ongoing prevention projects of SRS.

Following discussion, Chairperson Harrington asked what the greatest needs are on average. Ms. Alvarado replied that alcohol and smoking and tobacco products were big concerns.

Phillip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, stated that some of the issues the speakers had addressed were supported with broad brush statements and that he felt there were many problems with various addictions besides alcohol. He also said that he disagreed with an earlier statement that those selling alcohol do not care about their customers. He emphasized the different aspects of alcohol and the amount of taxes they generate.

Senator Barnett introduced a conceptual bill regarding preliminary breath tests (PBT) and the allowance for use on minors. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion. The bill was introduced.

Senator O'Connor introduced a conceptual bill regarding charter schools. Senator Barnett seconded the motion. The bill was introduced.

Senator Brungardt introduced a bill regarding the appraisal of unsold lots being developed. Senator Barnett seconded the motion. The bill was introduced.

Senator Gooch stated that he wondered how much it cost for a bill to be introduced. He stated that he didn't believe he had never voted against a bill to be introduced or leave a committee, but he wondered if the Legislature was wasteful to think that anything that comes up should be introduced or go before the entire body.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 p.m.