

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 March 6, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Vratil, excused

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor  
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Judy Smith, Concerned Women of America

Others attending: Please see attached.

Chairperson Harrington announced to the committee that it would be addressing the four gambling bills next week, and if anyone wished to submit testimony, they would need to submit a written copy to the committee secretary, Nikki Kraus.

Chairperson Harrington then asked the committee for bill introductions.

Senator Barnett asked the committee for the introduction of a bill designed to help prevent the tragedies of the kind of events that recently took place in clubs in Rhode Island and Chicago. He stated that he had obtained permission from the Senate President and the Chair because he realized that this was beyond deadline. He stated that the bill would send a message from the state that we are serious about safety and that their licenses may even be dependent upon compliance.

Senator Barnett made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The bill was introduced.

Chairperson Harrington invited Judy Smith, Concerned Women of America, to come before the committee

Ms. Smith presented the committee with a packet and slide show entitled, "Sex Offenders and Victims" (Attachment 1)

Following discussion, Senator O'Connor stated that she would like to make a formal request for an interim study of sexual predator laws and their effects on Kansas citizens.

Chairperson Harrington stated that she appreciated the cooperation of the committee and that in the following few days, Ms. Kiernan would be providing briefings on the gaming bills.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.