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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 January 18, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Pat Hill  
Representative Melanie Meier  
Martin L. Dempsey, DoD Liaison Office  
John Armbrust, Governor's Military Council

Others attending:

See attached list.

**Confirmation Hearing:**

Chairman Brungardt opened the Confirmation Hearings.

Chairman Brungardt stated the committee was conducting two hearings for confirmation: Pat Hill, Member, Kansas Human Rights Commission. (Attachment 1) Terry Crowder, Member, Kansas Human Rights Commission, is a re-appointment. (Attachment 2)

The Chairman welcomed Pat Hill to the podium for comments. Ms. Hill provided a brief biographical overview of her experience and education. The Chairman called for questions regarding the confirmation.

The Chairman called for a motion on the confirmation.

Senator Owens made a motion to move to the full Senate the confirmation for appointment Pat Hill, Member, Kansas Human Rights Commission, which expires January 15, 2015. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman called the committee's attention to the information on Mr. Crowder.

The Chairman called for a motion on the confirmation.

Senator Owens made a motion to move to the full Senate the confirmation for re-appointment Terry Crowder, Member, Kansas Human Rights Commission, which expires January 15, 2015. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the Federal and State Committee at 10:30 a.m. on January 18, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Brungardt closed the Confirmation hearings.

**Substitute for HB 2178 -- Granting professional licenses to nonresident military spouses**

Chairman Burngardt opened the hearing on **Sub for HB 2178**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Representative Melanie Meier spoke in support of the bill.

Martin L. Dempsey, State Liaison, Midwest Region, DoD-State Liaison Office, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy, appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 3) One of the top priority issues is military spouse career portability. Military spouses run into certification or licensure barriers; this is where a policy change, such as that represented in the bill can help provide an alternative for these barriers.

John Armbrust, Executive Director, Governor's military Council, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 4) In June 2010, the Council held meetings with DoD officials in Washington D.C. to discuss possible ways the State of Kansas could further its efforts to become a more military friendly state. One of the suggestions given during the meeting was for Kansas to more readily accept the licensures and certifications from other states of military spouses. The Council believes the bill meets the intent of DoD's suggested action.

Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, provided neutral written testimony on the bill. (Attachment 5) The bill, as currently drafted, would allow KSBHA to continue to fulfill their public protection mission.

Dirk Hanson, DVM, Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, provided written neutral testimony asking for consideration of the questions that the Board has when evaluating the proposed legislation. (Attachment 6)

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearings on **Sub for HB 2178**.

The chairman called for the pleasure of the committee on the bill.

*Senator Morris moved to pass **Sub for HB 2178** out favorably. Senator Ostmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The next meeting is scheduled January 19, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.