

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 13, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator James Barnett- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Peterson, KS Speech and Hearing Association
Colonel Deborah Rose, Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Brungardt opened the confirmation hearing on:

Colonel Deborah Rose, Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard

An introduction for the confirmation candidate was provided by Major General Tod Bunting, Adjutant General Kansas Air National Guard. Colonel Deborah Rose, appeared before the committee to answer questions on her appointment to Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard. (Attachment 1) The committee requested information from the appointment questionnaire form on the experience and affiliations page, and what her duties would be. The Colonel will be the Director of the Joint Force Headquarters and duties will include organizing, training, and deploying the National Guard forces into the community in the event of an emergency.

Senator Brownlee made a motion to move to the full Senate the confirmation of Colonel Deborah Rose. Senator Vratil seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 368 - Professional corporations, allowing licensed audiologists to form

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **SB 368**.

John Peterson, Kansas Speech and Hearing Association, appeared before the committee in favor of the bill with amendments. (Attachment 2) The bill would allow a licensed audiologist to organize as a professional corporation under the Kansas Professional Corporation Code, and the proposed amendment would propose the same flexibility be made available to licensed speech-language pathologists.

Jeffrey Brown, Triplett, Woolf & Garretson, LLC, provided written testimony in support of the bill and amendment. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **SB 368**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am. The next scheduled meeting is March 14, 2007.