

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 20, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Barnett - excused
Senator Vratil - 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:
Representative Trimmer
Larry Halloran
Philip Bradley, Kansas Fireworks Association
Rose Rozmiarek, Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office

Others attending:
See attached list.

The Committee Minutes for February 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, 28, and March 1, distributed on March 16, 2007, with no changes stand approved.

HCR 5018 - Special US Atomic Service Medal to honor Atomic Veterans

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HCR 5018**.

Representative Trimmer appeared in favor of the concurrent resolution. (Attachment 1) The resolution is not asking for monetary compensation for these individuals, it simply states that the Kansas Legislature urges the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, and the United States Department of Defense strike a "Special Service Medal" honoring the Atomic Veterans who risked their lives in service to their country.

Larry Halloran spoke in favor of the concurrent resolution. (Attachment 2) The resolution requests our national leadership and the President of the United States to honor the service and sacrifice of our nations Atomic Test Veterans.

Letters were received as informational from General Peter Pace, United States Marine Corps (Attachment 3) and M.G. Mullen, Admiral, U.S. Navy. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HCR 5018**

Final Action:

HCR 5018 - Special US Atomic Service Medal to honor Atomic Veterans

Staff offered a technical amendment in line 33 that the word "Alpha" is spelled incorrectly and in line 35 change to "with very little or no safety gear."

Senator Hensley moved the amendment and the bill out favorably as amended. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2475 - Kansas fireworks act; regulation; licensure

Chairman Brungardt continued the hearing on **HB 2475**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Philip Bradley, Kansas Fire Works Association, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 5) This bill will help provide up to date licensing in the fireworks industry and allow the Fire Marshall's office to charge a fee for said licensing.

Rose Rozmiarek, Chief of Investigations, Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office, appeared in favor of the bill. (Attachment 6) This bill will provide a user based fee to support a program that has long been in existence and clarify the current statutes intent for the keeping, storage, use, sale handling, and transportation of explosives, dynamite, fireworks and firecrackers.

Daryl Marmon, Kansas Fireworks Association, provided written testimony in favor of the bill. (Attachment 7) The bill would not regulate or charge fees for the seasonal fireworks stand operator.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2475**.

Final Action:

HB 2475 - Kansas fireworks act; regulation; licensure

Senator Ostmeyer moved to pass **HB 2475** out favorably. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. The next scheduled meeting is March 21, 2007.