

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael R. O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on March 17, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dale Swenson - Excused
Representative Dan Williams - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator John Vratil
Elwaine Pomeroy, Uniform Law Commission
Becky Endicott, Wichita State, Senior Associate Athlete Director
Bill Snyder, Kansas State Football Coach
Melissa Wangemann, Secretary of State

The hearing on **SB 61 - enacting the Uniform Athlete Act**, was opened.

Senator John Vratil, informed the committee that the Uniform Law Commissioners have adopted the proposed bill because, many professional athletes are highly compensated and the practices of many agents trying to obtain the right to represent an athlete who could gain from gifts, payments or gift to relatives & friends to influence the athlete to sign with them. This causes harm to not only the athletes who lose eligibility but to the universities & colleges which are sanctioned. Therefore, twenty-eight states have enacted legislation regulating athlete or sports agents, but the statutes differ greatly. (Attachment 1)

Elwaine Pomeroy, Uniform Law Commission, explained further, that because of the differences in each state laws, the Commission undertook the task of writing a uniform law (Attachment 2). Some of the provisions are as follows:

- all athlete agents must register before contacting a student-athlete
- if the student-athlete contacts the agent, the agent must register within seven days
- provides that a university or college has civil remedies against either the agent or former student-athlete

Becky Endicott, Wichita State, Senior Associate Athlete Director, appeared as a proponent of the bill. She commented that many student-athletes receive full scholarships which pay for the costs of attending college but not clothes, entertainment or other expenses and sometimes get into trouble by accepting, food, a ride and clothing from an agent. (Attachment 3)

Bill Snyder, Kansas State Football Coach, estimated that there are about 1,000 agents throughout and that of those probably only 25% are successful and honest and do not entice the student-athlete (Attachment 4).

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Melissa Wangemann, Secretary of State, informed the committee that the Secretary of States office currently charges \$1,000 per year to register and they don't have very many agents do so. The proposed bill would make it \$500 bi-annual to encourage registration.

The hearing on **SB 61** was closed.

HB 2404 - mortgagee allowed to bid in sale of real estate for delinquent taxes

Representative Patterson made the motion to report HB 2404 favorably for passage. Representative Long seconded the motion.

Representative Long made a substitute motion to amend in the Kansas Bankers Association balloon (Attachment 5), and on page 3 the word "paragraph" should be changed to "subsection". Representative Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Long made the motion to report HB 2404 favorably for passage, as amended. Representative Yoder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 71 - Kansas payment center; removal of sunset provision

Representative Pauls made the motion to extend the sunset provisions by two years. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to abolish the Kansas Payment Center Oversight Committee. Representative Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to report SB 71 favorably for passage, as amended. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 15 - warning to tenants relating to termination notices with new conditions not contained in rental agreement

Representative Jack made the motion to reinsert the language in subsection (e) & make the print on lines 18-23 bold faced & 10 point. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Long made the motion to report SB 15 favorably for passage, as amended. Representative Yoder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Long made the motion to approve the committee minutes from February, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, & 25. Representative Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.