

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 1:30 P.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ray Merrick- excused  
Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees:

James Martinez  
Julie Huntwork  
Jennifer Roth

Others attending:

See attached list

The Chairman opened the meeting for bill introductions and recognized Representative Mah who requested three bills.

1. A conceptual bill for a confidential address program to prevent victims of domestic violence from being tracked through change of address
2. A bill regarding sexual assault crises intervention
3. A bill regarding re-corking of wine bottles in restaurants

With no objections, those three requests were accepted for introduction.

Chairman Edmonds opened the floor for public hearing on **HB 2754** - Miki's law; establishment of registry of persons convicted of felonies using a deadly weapon.

James Martinez was recognized to give testimony supporting **HB 2754**. Mr. Martinez related that his daughter, the mother of two young children, was kidnaped and brutally murdered. He believes that if the "Miki Bill" were enacted it would save lives by empowering the people with the knowledge of violent offenders, who are required to register. He further opined that the enactment of the "Miki Bill" would work like Megan's Law, the federal law that requires sex offenders to register their presence in a community. (Attachment 1)

Julie Huntwork came before the committee to support the passage of **HB 2754** and to answer any questions regarding the bill. (No Written Testimony)

There were no other proponents for **HB 2754** and the Chair recognized Jennifer Roth, an attorney from Lawrence, Kansas as an opponent. Ms. Roth explained that she did not feel that the passage of this law in its current form would make Kansas a safer place to live. In her testimony, Ms. Roth, related her concerns regarding the bill including the fact that the term "a deadly weapon" was too broad and the fact that she felt it would have a bigger fiscal impact than anticipated. (Attachment 2)

No other person wished to address the bill and Chairman Edmonds closed the public hearing on **HB 2754**.

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.