

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Vratil at 9:34 A.M. on March 1, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

David Haley- excused  
Kay O'Connor arrived, 9:42 a.m.  
Dwayne Umbarger arrived, 9:47 a.m.

Committee staff present:

Helen Pedigo, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Karen Clowers, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Phil Journey  
Nancy Strouse, Kansas Judicial Council  
James W. Clark, Kansas Bar Association  
Mike Jennings, Kansas County and District Attorneys Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

The hearing on **SB 400--Adoption; assertion of parental rights more than 60 days after finalized adoption; court consideration** was opened.

Senator Journey appeared as a proponent and provided background on the bill (Attachment 1). Senator Journey stated that the best interest of a child should be paramount in determining whether parental rights should be reinstated.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 400** was closed.

The hearing on **HB 2610--Civil procedure; service outside the state; submitting to jurisdiction** was opened.

Nancy Strouse, a proponent, reported on the study conducted by the Judicial Council (Attachment 2).

Jim Clark spoke in support and agreed with the testimony of Nancy Strous (Attachment 3).

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2610** was closed.

The hearing on **HB 2616--State may request a preliminary examination on a felony charge** was opened.

Mike Jennings appeared as a proponent indicating the benefits regarding preservation of testimony and reduction of witness anxiety in testifying at preliminary hearings rather than trials (Attachment 4).

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2616** was closed.

The hearing on **HB 2617--Violation of a protective order includes an order issued in a criminal case ordering the defendant to refrain from having contact with another person** was opened.

Mike Jennings spoke as a proponent which would clarify the law regarding protective orders (Attachment 5).

Written testimony in support of **HB 2617** was submitted by:

Kevin A. Graham, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General (Attachment 6)

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2617** was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 2, 2006.