

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:35 P.M. on February 1, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Late Arrival:

Senator Journey - 1:45 p.m.

Senator Haley - 1:45 p.m.

Senator Brungardt - 1:52 p.m.

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Diana Lee, Office of Revisors of Statutes

Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jay Menitove, M.D., Executive Director and Medical Director, Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City

W. Christopher Bandy, M.D. FACS Medical Director, Trama Services Stormont-Vail Health Care

Sarah Synovec, Junior Washburn Rural High School

Lauren Cundy, Washburn Rural High School Student Council Blood Drive - two year coordinator

Pamela Head - American Red Cross

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of bills

Upon calling the meeting to order Chairman Barnett called on Senator Jordan who asked that the Committee introduce legislation on three issues. The first relates to the reporting of statistical data regarding termination of pregnancies. The second concerns abortions and the third concerning death certificates.

The motion was made by Senator Jordan to introduce the legislation. It was seconded by Senator Palmer and the motion carried.

Hearing on SB 426—An act relating to minors; concerning the donation of blood

The chair announced the next order of business would be a hearing on **SB 426**. He then called upon the first of five proponents, conferee Mr. Jay Menitove, M.D., Executive Director and Medical Director, Community blood Center of Greater KC who stated statistics, requirements, and benefits of blood donors. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett called upon the second proponent conferee to testify. W. Christopher Bandy, M.D. FACS Medical Director, Trama Services Stormont-Vail Health Care, stated that there are a countless patients who require blood transfusions for hemorrhagic shock after a serious injury to prevent their deaths, crashes per million miles driven statistics. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The next proponent to testify was Sarah Synovec, Junior Washburn Rural High School, stated that changing the age limit would add new willing blood donors to the too soon ending list and giving these young adults a chance to make an important impact in today's world. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett call upon the fourth proponent conferee to testify. Lauren Cundy, Senior at Washburn Rural High School and coordinator of the Student council Blood Drive, who explained the responsibilities of organizing their Student Council blood drive. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 4) attached hereto

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The final proponent conferee to testify was Pamela Head, American Red Cross who stated her encouragement to change the current law by decreasing the age of consent for blood donation to 16 year olds, and her involvement as the Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross with the Central Plains Region Blood Services. No written testimony was provided.

As there were no opponent or neutral testimony, Chairman Barnett announced that written testimony was offered from Ms. Beverly Morris, Compliance and QI Supervisor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center and Ms. Maggie Morris, a Kansas Constituent. Copies of their testimonies are (Attachment 5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Wagle, Barnett, Brungardt, Haley, V. Schmidt, Mr. Furse, and Ms. Correll regarding the national registry, testing procedures for stem marrow, and is donor informed if blood is not used. A discussion ensued regarding the changing of line 15 in the bill, signing up to be on the national registry, is line 15 a complete sentence, and National Marrow Donor Program.

A motion was made by Senator Wagle to amend the bill to include lowering the age for stem cells. It was seconded by Senator Palmer. The motion carried. Senator Vicki Schmidt made a motion to advance the bill out favorably. It was seconded by Senator Haley and the motion carried.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2, 2006.