

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Vratil at 9:40A.M. on January 9, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Derek Schmidt arrived 9:42 A.M.

Julia Lynn arrived 9:45 A.M.

Phil Journey arrived 9:47 A.M.

David Haley arrived 9:52 A.M.

Les Donovan- excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Anadaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes' Office

Nobuko Folmsbee, Revisor of Statutes' Office

Karen Clowers, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration

Melissa Wangeman, Council, Secretary of States' Office

Roger Werholtz, Secretary of Corrections

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Vratil welcomed everyone and distributed guidelines for Conferees who wish to appear before the committee. Regular meetings are scheduled Monday through Thursday at 9:30 A.M. in Room 123-S, additional meetings may be scheduled on Fridays later in the session.

Bill Introductions

Kathy Porter requested the introduction of five bills (Attachment 1). The first bill would amend K.S.A. 75-5268 regarding disbursement of money paid to inmates for payment of docket fees, fines, fees and restitution assessed. The second bill would amend K.S.A. 22-2303 to substitute the word "judge" for "clerk" as the person who may sign an arrest warrant. The third bill would amend K.S.A. 8-1560d regarding confidential speeding violations. The fourth bill would amend K.S.A. 60-2403 regarding release of a judgment of record. The fifth bill would amend K.S.A. 65-2422d to require the state registrar to furnish to district courts a list of deceased residents 18 years of age or older in order to eliminate the names from lists potential jurors. Senator Bruce moved, Senator Goodwin seconded, to introduce the bills. Motion carried.

Melissa Wangeman requested the introduction of a bill regarding conversion of one kind of business organization to another, or the merger of two or more business organizations into one organization (Attachment 2). Senator Bruce moved, Senator Goodwin seconded, to introduce the bills. Motion carried.

Senator David Wysong introduced a bill regarding prohibition of the use of tobacco products. Senator Goodwin moved, Senator Allen seconded to have the bill introduced as a committee bill. Motion carried.

Presentation on Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders

Roger Werholtz presented the committee a summary of the information presented to the 2006 Special Committee on Judiciary regarding residency and proximity restrictions for sex offenders (Attachment 3). The summary included results of studies conducted in Iowa, Arkansas, Florida, and Colorado. It provided statistics on offender recidivism, the role of the media in shaping public and policy maker perceptions, offender compliancy rates, and treatment success rates. Secretary Werholtz also emphasized that the public's need to "feel safe" has influenced policy makers in legislating such restrictions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 A.M. The next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2007.