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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

JANUARY 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kiegerl at 10:35 a.m. on January 13, 2011, in Room 142S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee Staff Present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of the Office of Statutes
June Christensen, Committee Assistant

Others attending: See attached list.

Representative Kiegerl explained the purpose of the committee was to be an advocate of children with disabilities' rights under state law. He said that many children have been helped due to the efforts of the previous joint committee but that many more children are added to the list of those needing help. He stressed that the committee was completely bipartisan, and the good of the children and families is the ultimate goal.

Introductions of committee members were made, and they gave a brief summary of their legislative services and families. Ms. Dorsey and Ms. Jefferies both offered help in any area that the committee might need assistance.

Chairperson Kiegerl distributed a copy of the Joint Committee on Children's Issues Report that was submitted to the 2010 Legislature (Attachment 1) and a copy of the Committee Rules (Attachment 2).

Representative Gregory requested permission to have copies of the Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Service/TFI Family Service, Inc., Authorization for Release of Information (Attachment 3) to be distributed by Representative Kiegerl's office. It will be necessary to have this signed as committee members get requests for family/children investigations.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in Room 142S. The scheduled meeting for January 20 will not be held because of the Legislative trip to Leavenworth.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.