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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

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The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Wolf at 9:07 a.m., February 15, 2011, in Room 142S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Chairperson Kiegerl (excused).

Committee Staff Present:

Renaë Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
June Christensen, Committee Assistant

Others Attending: See attached list.

Vice Chairperson Wolf announced that Representative Kiegerl was absent because of illness and subsequent hospitalization yesterday. He reported that proposed bills would be worked on Thursday, February 17, and Tuesday, February 22, but there are no pending bills on the waiver waiting list or seclusion and restraint at this point. He stressed the need for the committee to have adequate information to go forward with its mission and that time is critical at this point.

Representative Brunk said that bills that might not have adequate time for hearing in the Children and Families Committee could be referred to an exempt committee and then sent back to this committee, even after the turnaround date. This would require permission from the Speaker of the House.

Representative Melody McCray-Miller reported that Representative Brunk, chairman of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee, will sponsor three bills the Children and Family Committee was considering sponsoring but did not have time to introduce.

Renaë Jefferies, revisor, presented bill briefs on **HB 2137, exacting the parent reform act; HB 2103, child in need of care; and HB 2105, children in need of care; relating to removal of child from parent's custody.**

Chairperson Wolf suggested that testimony be limited to three minutes for each person, as there is likely to be considerable input. Representative Rubin agreed with the time limit and said each conferee should be encouraged present additional oral relevant information and not to read his/her testimony only. Those wishing to testify are to get their names and testimony to the committee secretary.

Representative Gregory reported that Chairperson Kiegerl was resting comfortably and that a CT scan would be read this morning. If possible, he will be moved to Olathe to be in his personal physician's care. She requested prayers for his improvement.

Additional information regarding previous testimony was presented (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.)

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, at 9 a.m., Room 142S, and will be a hearing on bills.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.