

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Vratil at 9:34 a.m. on February 25, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor  
Mike Heim, Research  
Jerry Donaldson, Research  
Mary Blair, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Jay Emler  
Alan Hazlett, Attorney, Topeka  
Jim Ruble, Lindsborg  
Rodney Durr, Wichita  
Paul Davis, Kansas Bar Association (KBA)

Others attending: see attached list

The minutes of the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Adkins, seconded by Senator Goodwin. Carried.

**SB 585—establishing a putative father registry**

Conferee Senator Emler testified in support of **SB 585**, a bill he introduced which amends current law by establishing a registry whereby a putative father may register with the SRS and be placed on a list which entitles him to receive, in addition to any other notice, a notice of termination of parental rights proceedings for the purpose of adoption. (no attachment) He briefly discussed the purpose of the bill and its provisions and answered Committee members inquiries.

Conferee Hazlett testified in support of **SB 585**. He shared from his experience as an adoption litigator discussing the bill and answering several questions from Committee members, for example, on inquiry by Committee regarding the father's rights, he stated, "if a putative father doesn't register that he's the father after a certain amount of time, he loses his parental rights." (no attachment) Discussion followed.

Conferee Ruble testified in support of **SB 585**. He shared personal testimony as an adoptive father and stated that this bill will result in an improved adoption process. (attachment 1)

Conferee Durr testified in support of **SB 585**. He shared personal testimony as an adoptive father, discussed several of the bill's provisions and summarized the bill as one which "shifts the responsibility of the mother for her having to track down the father and for him to step up to the plate and take responsibility." (no attachment) Lengthy discussion followed.

Final Action:

**SB 453—arrest for violation of condition of sentence**

Following a review of **SB 453** by the Chair and discussion by Committee, Senator Schmidt moved to pass the bill out favorably, Senator Goodwin seconded. Carried.

**SB 474—protection from stalking act**

The Chair reviewed **SB 474** and upon his request, Paul Davis, KBA, explained the amendments offered by the KBA. (attachment 2) Following discussion Senator Oleen moved to strike the language in the bill where it states "no docket fee", Senator Vratil seconded. Upon further discussion Senator Oleen withdrew her motion and Senator Vratil withdrew his second. Senator Adkins moved to adopt the amendment offered by the KBA and report the bill out favorably as amended, Senator Schmidt seconded. Carried with Senator Pugh requesting his nay vote be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 26, 2002.