

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Vratil at 10:59 a.m. on March 30, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Adkins (excused)
Senator Oleen (excused)

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor
Mary Blair, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kathy Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association (KBA)

Others attending: see attached list

HB 2296—concerning forgery

HB 2549—concerning worthless checks

Following a brief description of **HB 2296** and **HB 2549**, Senator Schmidt moved to amend the text of **HB 2549** into **HB 2296**. Senator Donovan seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Senator Pugh proposed a further amendment to strike section 3 of **HB 2296**. Senator Donovan seconded. Further discussion followed. Motion carried.

The Chair distributed a copy of a proposed amendment to **HB 2296** from the KBA. At the Chair's request Kathy Olsen explained the intent of the amendment. (attachment 1) Committee discussed asset forfeiture issues at length. Senator Umbarger moved to include in the bill a phrase which would provide for sequestering of assets by law enforcement until conviction, Senator Goodwin seconded. Following discussion the Chair informed Committee there would be an interim committee on the subject of asset forfeiture law this year and suggested Committee refrain from addressing the subject in this bill. Senator Umbarger withdrew his motion and Senator Goodwin, her second. Senator Donovan moved to pass **HB 2296** out favorably as amended, Senator Schmidt seconded. Carried.

HB 2154—concerning providers of care services; employment of persons by such providers

HB 2067—concerning certain animals; penalties for inflicting harm or death

The Chair stated that **HB 2154** contained separate issues, one relating to health care and the other relating to criminal law. He recommended portions of the bill be amended into a new bill dividing the separate issues so they may be discussed, in conference, by the appropriate committee. Following discussion, Senator Goodwin made a motion to amend **HB 2067** to create a substitute bill for **HB 2067** which includes Sections 1 and 2 from **HB 2154** and to pass the bill out favorably as amended, Senator Pugh seconded. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m. There are no further meetings scheduled.