

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Emert at 10:13 a.m. on February 10, 2000 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:

Lyn Goering, Assistant Secretary for Health Care Policy, SRS  
Candace Shively, Deputy Secretary for Integrated Service Delivery, SRS

Others attending: see attached list

The minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Goodwin , seconded by Senator Vratil . Carried.

Reappointment Confirmation - Larry D. Woodward was reappointed as a member of the Kansas Parole Board on a motion by Senator Goodwin and second by Senator Vratil. Carried. (attachment 1)

**SB 438—concerning crime and punishment; unlawful sexual relations**

Conferee Goering testified in support of **SB 438**, a bill which she stated would amend current law to make it a criminal act of unlawful sexual relations for an employee of SRS or contracted employees within state institutions to have consensual sexual relations with a patient in the institution where the employee works. She pointed out that this bill makes it a crime specifically in state hospitals where currently there is no provision for the individual to be criminally prosecuted. She further requested Committee consider an amendment to the bill which would make the crime of unlawful sexual relations only applicable if the victim is a person 16 years of age or older to avoid any unintended consequence of lessening the penalty for an employee who engages in sexual relations with a patient under 16 years of age. (attachment 2) Discussion followed. Committee recommended SRS provide them with figures which show the number times these incidents have occurred.

**SB 453—Concerning the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)**

Conferee Shively testified in support of **SB 453**, a bill which amends language in the current Kansas version of UIFSA to bring it into conformity with the Uniform Act. She presented a brief history of UIFSA and reviewed it's benefits calling it the "backbone of all interstate child support case processing." She discussed the potential loss of federal funds as well as other sanctions should Kansas continue to be out of compliance with the Uniform Law. She further discussed three additional sections needing amendment since **SB 453** was first introduced. (attachment 3) Lengthy discussion followed with Committee inquiries requiring research and follow up by SRS.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 11.