

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. On January 25, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kathe Lloyd - Excused
Representative Candy Ruff - Excused
Representative Joe Shriver - Excused
Representative Clark Shultz - Excused
Representative Dale Swenson - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Jennifer Strait, Intern for Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Jan Pauls
Representative Doug Patterson
Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Representative Jan Pauls appeared before the Committee with a bill request she received which would add two more laboratories to the list of those which are forensic labs. Representative Pauls made the motion to have the bill introduced as a committee bill. Representative Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Doug Patterson requested a bill which would allow district court judges to require mediation when he believes the case should be settled. Representative Patterson made the motion to have the bill introduced as a committee bill. Representative Loyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, requested a committee bill which would allow the Criminal Justice Information System to be available to all criminal justice agencies for official use (Attachment 1). Representative Loyd made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Newton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hearing on **HB 2074 - Administration of the KBI; associate directors; deputy directors and assistant directors are unclassified state employees,** were opened.

Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, appeared before the committee in support of the proposed legislation which would allow four of the administrators to be considered unclassified positions for the purpose of compensation and to allow more continuity for incoming directors to implement changes in policy (Attachment 2).

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:00. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2001.