

Approved: April 26, 1995
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael R. O'Neal at 12:00 on March 30, 1995 in Room 313-S-of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Edmonds - Excused
Representative Clyde Graeber - Excused
Representative Jill Grant - Excused
Representative Andrew Howell - Excused
Representative Doug Mays - Excused
Representative Vince Snowbarger - Excused

Committee staff present: Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Wulfkuhle, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

HB 2586 - Criminal defamation

The Chairman explained that Federal Judge Crow struck down Kansas' criminal defamation statute stating that the statute must have actual malice language included in it. This proposed bill would correct for the statute.

Representative Spangler made a motion to report **HB 2586** favorably for passage. Representative Ruff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman O'Neal also explained to the committee that a judge in Douglas County has found the stalking statute to be unconstitutional. An amendment to fix this statute could show up on the floor when this bill is debated.

The committee meeting adjourned at 12:15.