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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle at 1:30 PM on January 20, 1999 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research
Judy Swanson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

The first meeting of the 1999 session was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle. She welcomed committee members and distributed the Committee Rules.

Representative Mayans made a motion that the Committee introduce a bill to divide the Department of Health & Environment into two separate departments with a different Secretary for each department. Representative Klein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Freeborn made a motion that the Committee introduce a bill requesting all abortion clinics have emergency equipment on hand to handle emergency situations. Representative Hutchins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John Frederico, Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association, requested a bill be introduced concerning the collection of fees on delinquent cable bill accounts. The bill would not set a rate for late fees, however would set a cap on such fees. Representative Freeborn moved the Committee introduce this bill. Representative Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairperson Wagle asked committee members if they would be interested in a field trip to Harrah's on January 26. Committee members expressed an interest in the trip. Members will not be counted as absent from a committee meeting if they do not attend the field trip.

Chairperson Wagle announced the Committee would hold a hearing on **HB 2031**, AN ACT concerning a state fish, to allow testimony from Kansas schoolchildren who have been advocating this proposal.

The next meeting is scheduled Monday, January 25, 1999.

