

Approved: February 3, 2000
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael R. O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on January 12, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Phill Kline - excused
- Representative Candy Ruff - excused
- Representative Jonathan Wells - excused

Committee staff present:

- Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
- Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
- Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- Randy Hearrell, Kansas Judicial Council
- Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration
- Marlee Bertholf, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Randy Hearrell, Kansas Judicial Council, appeared before the committee with four requests for bill introductions. The first, would change the dollar amounts contained in the Probate Code to reflect the consumer price index. Second, was technical changes to the Kansas Estate Tax Act. The third, included clarification of how certain concepts are stated, striking confusing language and other technical changes in the Kansas Estate Tax Act. The last request proposed was a recodification of the Code of Civil Procedure for Limited Actions.

Representative Carmody made the motion to have these requests introduced as committee bills. Representative Loyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kathy Porter, Office of Judicial Administration, appeared before the committee with a bill request which would delete the clerk of the district court as an option from service of process on the Commissioner of Insurance by them sending the original process and other documents by certified mail, return receipt.

Representative Gregory made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Powell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Marlee Bertholf, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, requested two Committee bills. One, if apprehended with goods stolen from three separate mercantile establishments in a continuing criminal episode, the person could be charged with a felony. The second would create the crime of Unlawful Use of Theft Detection Shielding Devices, so those who use metal or foil-lined shopping bags to override security devices could be charged with a felony.

Representative Gregory made the motion to have the requests introduced as committee bills. Representative Carmody seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman announced that the Committee meeting scheduled for January 13, 2000 was cancelled and that the next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2000.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.