

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 5:30 P.M. on March 22, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

Discussion and Action on:

HB 2634 - School districts; assessed valuation

SB 340 - Cap on employer retirement contributions for security officers employed by the department of corrections.

Representative Light moved to strike the language in SB 340, insert language from the House version of HB 2634 and allow for technical adjustments. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Light moved to recommend SB 340 as amended favorable for passage and report as House Substitute for SB 340. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on House Substitute for SB 84 pertaining to the Kansas Umbilical Cord Blood Bank.

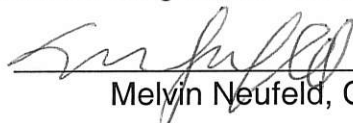
Chairman Neufeld stated that correspondence has been received from the University of Kansas indicating that unless the issue of the Kansas Umbilical Cord Blood Bank is fully funded during FY 2006, the University is not interested. The Chairman indicated that it is important to address legislation in the event that Congressman Brownback is successful in securing federal funds to assist the state with the establishment of the umbilical cord blood bank, as well as putting the state in a position of being able to negotiate with a bioscience company to move into the state.

Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes, stated that a revised proposed amendment would give the Department of Health and Environment the authority to set up rules and regulations and guidelines for the operation of the umbilical cord bank in Kansas according to federal guidelines. Mr. Wilson indicated that all references to the University of Kansas Medical Center will be removed from the proposal. The umbilical cord bank will be subject to appropriations and authorize the Department of Health and Environment to receive grants and federal funding.

Because of technical problems with computers in the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at this time, a copy of the final draft will be distributed on March 23, to Committee members on the floor of the House.

Representative Bethell moved to remove language from SB 84 and insert language from the proposed amendment for the Kansas Umbilical Cord Blood Bank, allow for technical adjustments and report as House Substitute for SB 84. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be "on call of the Chair".



Melvin Neufeld, Chairman