

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:00 a.m. on March 8 , 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Vidricksen

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department  
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Nancey Harrington  
Cindy Patton, Attorney  
Karyl Graves, Wee Life, Inc.,  
Representative Phill Kline  
Phyllis Walters, Individual  
Gordon Risk, M.D.

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

Chairman Oleen recognized Ron Hein, who requested the introduction of a bill concerning the handling of hazardous waste. Senator Becker moved to introduce the bill. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen opened the hearing on:

**Sub HB 2581– Partial birth abortion**

Chairman Oleen recognized Senator Harrington who appeared as a proponent to **Sub HB 2581**. Senator Harrington referenced sections of the Roe vs. Wade and the Casey court decision. (Attachment 1) She stated that the “partial birth” procedure is not recognized in medical textbooks and that intact D&X poses serious medical risks to the mother.

Chairman Oleen recognized Cindy Patton, a Topeka lawyer, as a proponent to **Sub HB 2581**. Ms. Patton addressed issues from the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit case of Christensen v Doyle which upheld the constitutionality of the Wisconsin and Illinois partial birth abortion statutes. (Attachment 2). She encouraged the legislature to take seriously its responsibility to protect the life of the unborn child after viability and to eliminate partial birth abortions.

Chairman Oleen recognized Karyl Graves, Wee Life, Incorporated, as a proponent to **Sub HB 2581**. Wee Life, Incorporated, is a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring full legal protection to the pre-born under the United States Constitution. (Attachment 3). Ms. Graves stated that Wee Life, Incorporated, supports the spirit and intent of **Sub HB 2581** to stop the D & X procedure.

Chairman Oleen called on Phyllis Walters, a proponent to **Sub HB 2581**. Ms. Walters stated that the world of medicine has increased greatly over the years since Roe v Wade and today doctors are able to correct serious conditions before a baby is born. ‘Life Magazine, December 1999, Page 115 Born Twice’ (Attachment 4).

Chairman Oleen recognized Representative Phill Kline, as a supporter and proponent of **Sub HB 2581**. Representative Kline responded to the request to explain his interpretation of the 1998 bill on abortion.

He distributed information on a program to be aired on “20/20” March 8 concerning the selling of tissue and organs from aborted fetuses. (Attachment 5).

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS, Room 245-N Statehouse, at 11:00 a.m. on March 8, 2000.

Chairman Oleen turned to Opponents and called on Gordon Risk, M.D. a psychiatrist with a practice in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, to testify against **Sub HB 2581**. Dr. Risk stated that he was dismayed the proposed elimination of the mental health as a legitimate consideration in a woman's right to choose an abortion. (Attachment 6). He stated that mental option for abortion must exist in all trimesters.

Chairman Oleen announced that meeting would continue March 9 and that an adjustment of the time would be made at that time for the opponents' testimony.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be March 9, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.