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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven R. Brunk at 1:30 p.m. on February 08, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Holmes – Excused
Representative Huebert – Excused
Representative Peterson - Excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Lance Kinzer
Angela Lanfranchi, M.D. F.A.C.S, Surgical Associates of Central New Jersey
Melissa Colbern, M.D., St. Francis Family Medicine

Others attending: See attached.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2598–Creating the no taxpayer funding for abortion act; amending statutes concerning late-term abortion restrictions.**

The Chairman called on Mike Heim to explain the bill. Mike passed out a three page summary of the changes to the statutes (Attachment 1) and explained them summary by summary.

Mike Heim asked for a definition of “wrongful life” on page 4, lines 5-10. It is a civil lawsuit seeking damages for allowing the birth of a child with physical defects and the mother would have sought an abortion if she had known of it.

Representative Loganbill referred to page 5, lines 29-31 which include the words “unborn child”, and asked if that was a medical definition or a scientific definition.

Representative Kinzer presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2598** (Attachment 2). He said that this bill was designed to follow the lead of HR 3, the No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion act at the federal level. It tightens the restrictions on state funding of abortion, bans sex selection abortions, bans civil action for wrongful birth or wrongful life and updates heart monitor/sonogram viewing provisions to include the use of the Doppler fetal monitor to make heart beat audible for the mother.

Representative Loganbill expressed concern for the affect that the bill would have on Kansas University. Representative Kinzer said that the bill was narrowly focused on the abortion itself. There is nothing in the bill that deals with teaching.

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Angela Lanfranchi, M.D. gave testimony as a proponent of **HB 2598** (Attachment 3). She said that 85% of the women that have an abortion do not develop breast cancer, but we still tell them the risk. She testified that medical authorities and textbooks agree that a full-term pregnancy lowers a woman's risk of breast cancer. An abortion does not make a pregnant woman "unpregnant". The cancer prone cells that are produced by the pregnancy cannot be removed by abortion. Only completing a pregnancy to 32 weeks or to full term lowers the risk of breast cancer. She said that it is acknowledged worldwide that abortion is a risk for breast cancer. Studies from all over the world have shown the increased risk. A premature delivery before 32 weeks for any reason doubles breast cancer risk.

Representative Gatewood spoke of organizations that do not agree with Angela's statements. He listed the American Cancer Society, The National Cancer Institute, The World Health Organization and The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Angela said that she could address them one by one. She said that in 2002, 28 representatives and senators went to the NCI and said 'we have oversight and you have a webpage about breast cancer and some studies say yes and some say no'. That really is incorrect because the preponderance of studies says that abortion and breast cancer are linked. Additionally, on issues that are politically sensitive like the abortion issue, the NCI has neglected their mission statement.

The President of the American College of Ob Gyn has written textbooks on how to do abortions. Explain why they have not informed their members that birth control pills have been listed as Group 1 carcinogens for breast, cervical and liver cancer by the United Nations since 2006. Maybe that is one of the reasons that the incidents of non-invasive premenopausal breast cancer in this country has risen 400% since 1975. Since 1975 it was one out of 12 women, now it is one out of 8 or one out of 7 that develop breast cancer.. That is a huge difference.

Melissa Colbern, M.D. presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2598** (Attachment 4), She said that informed consent was extremely important. The materials that are available are quite educational for the woman. Using the hand held Doppler fetal monitor to detect a fetal heartbeat is a great resource. The Doppler detection of a heart beat is always a momentous occasion for the woman regardless of the patients desire to continue her pregnancy.

Representative Gatewood asked how she felt about being mandated to give somebody information that is this controversial? Melissa said that the up-to-date medical literature indicates that there is a link between abortion and breast cancer.

The Chairman recessed the hearing on **HB 2598**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 09, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.