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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 29, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Henderson – Excused
Representative Holmes – Excused
Representative Huebert - 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 Arlen Siegfried

Others attending: See attached.

Representative Kinzer introduced a bill about the handling of auto accidents.

Representative Kiegerl introduced a bill about casinos checking with SRS to see if prize winners owe child support. The bills were received without exception.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2694 State capitol building; all faiths chapel.**

Mike Heim said that the bill requires the Legislative Coordinating Council to establish an all faiths chapel in the state capitol building.

Representative Siegfried presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2694** (Attachment 1). He recommended that the room be called the Capitol Meditation Chapel.

Representative Loganbill suggested the change of “or” in place of “and” in line 6, 8 and 18.

Representative O’Hara asked where it would be established. He said that the Governor would make a room available on the 2nd floor. It should be in the Visitor Center when it is finished.

Representative Brunk understood that the room would be furnished with private funds and Representative Siegfried agreed.

Representative Gatewood asked who would be raising the funds. Representative Siegfried said that it would be raised through churches and private donations.

Representative Loganbill asked if any group wanting to contribute would be turned away. The answer was no, the LCC would control that and we do not want any plaques on the wall.

Representative Goico recommended that it be called The Quiet Room or The Solitude Room.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2694.**

The Chairman called upon the committee to work **HB 2598 Creating the no taxpayer funding for**

CONTINUATION SHEET

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abortion act; amending statutes concerning late-term abortion restrictions.

*Representative Rubin moved, Representative Kiegerl seconded to report **HB 2598** favorably for passage.*

Representative Rubin introduced his balloon amendment and explained the changes (Attachment 2).

Representative Rubin moved, Representative O'Hara seconded to approve the balloon amendment.

Representative Wolfe-Moore asked regarding the change on Page 12, line 32 if the physician would have to make a judgment as to why the woman decided not to have the abortion. Representative Rubin said that the physician would simply be stating facts, not making a decision.

Representative Kiegerl made a substitute motion to strike "licensed to practice professional or practical nursing" on page 6, lines 11 and 12. There was no second. We are back on the motion to amend.

Representative Loganbill asked if the intention of the language on page 13, line 37 was to require the woman to hear the fetal heartbeat against her will. Representative Rubin said that it would not be used against her will and referred to lines 19 and 20 for such language.

The Chairman called for the vote on the amendment. *The motion carried.* Representative Loganbill was recorded as a 'no' vote. We are back on the bill as amended.

Representative Gregory introduced her balloon amendment to **HB 2598** (Attachment 3). It was of a cleanup nature, correcting some section numbers and changing the year 2011 to 2012.

Representative Gregory moved, Representative Rubin seconded to approve her balloon amendment. The Motion carried. We are back on the base bill as amended.

Representative Howell suggested a change on page 17, line 23 to change 'Gender' to "sex".

Representative Howell moved, Representative Grosserode seconded to change "Gender" to "sex".

Representative Loganbill stated that this language was already printed in the pamphlet. All of those pamphlets would have to be reprinted.

Representative Kiegerl said that gender is the correct term.

Representative Rubin said that there was no need for the change.

Representative Howell withdrew his amendment. We are back on the base bill as amended.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for March 01, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.