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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 2:18 p.m. on April 26, 2012, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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:

Kathy Sparks, Kansas Department of Labor
Representative Don Hineman
Ronald R. Hein, RAI Services Company
Brad Rodu, DDS, Professor, University of Louisville, School of Medicine
Joel L. Nitzkin, MD, MPH, DPA, MD Associates, LLC
Christopher J. Masoner, American Cancer Society

Others attending: See attached.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 356—Amusement ride regulation; removing exception for home-owned amusement rides.**

Mike Heim explained the requirements for insurance.

Kathy Sparks presented testimony for Karin Brownlee as a proponent of **SB 356** (Attachment 1).

There were some committee questions for Kathy Sparks.

Representative Don Hineman presented testimony as a proponent of **SB 356** (Attachment 2).

Representative Ward M. Cassidy presented testimony as a proponent of **SB 356** (Attachment 3).

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 356**.

The Chairman called on the committee to work **SB 356**.

Representative Rubin moved, Representative Wolfe Moore seconded to pass SB 356 out favorably for passage. The motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HR 6026—A Resolution urging the Kansas Department of Health & Environment to study tobacco harm reduction.**

Mike Heim explained the Resolution.

Ron Hein presented testimony as a proponent of **HR 6026** (Attachment 4).

Brad Rodu DDS, presented testimony as a proponent of **HR 6026** (Attachment 5).

The Chairman asked how to compare the risks of smoking or smokeless tobacco. Dr. Rodu said that smoking produces 600 deaths per year per 100,000 people. Smokeless tobacco produces 12 or 13 per

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year per 100,000 people. It is comparable to automobile deaths which are 11 per 100,000.

Dr. Joel L. Nitzkin testified as a proponent of **HR 6026** (Attachment 6).

Chris Masoner presented testimony as an opponent of **HR 6026** (Attachment 7).

The Chairman said he was surprised that the American Cancer Society was against studying it. We would think that you would want another tool in the bag.

Representative Knox said there was a difference between the study we are asking for and an FDA study. We are only asking for KDHE to look at the research.

Representative Rubin said that he did not believe that smokeless was safe. A KDHE study would be more believable than an RJ Reynolds study.

Nathan Bainbridge of KDHE stood for questions.

Representative Wolfe Moore asked how the KDHE would do the study. She also expressed concern that children would take up smokeless tobacco.

Representative Knox said that there would be a big difference in the amount of money for an FDI study compared to a KDHE study.

Written testimony in support of **HR 6026** was submitted by:

Elizabeth M. Whelan, President, The American Council on Science and Health (Attachment 8).

Written testimony in opposition of **HR 6026** was submitted by:

Kevin Walker, Regional Vice President of Advocacy, American Heart Association (Attachment 9).

Tonya Dorf Brunner, Executive Director of Oral Health Kansas (Attachment 10).

Maggie Smet, American Dental Hygienists' Association (Attachment 11).

Beth Marolf, Health Promotions Coordinator, American Lung Association (Attachment 12).

Mary Jayne Hellebust, Executive Director, Tobacco Free Kansas (Attachment 13).

The meeting was Adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 01, 2012.

