

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2121** be amended on page 1, in line 7, before "No" by inserting "(a)"; in line 10, after "cremation." by inserting:

"(b)";

Also on page 1, in line 11, after "jurisdiction" by inserting "in Kansas"; also in line 11, after "occurs." by inserting "Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 22a-232, and amendments thereto,"; also in line 11, after "coroner" by inserting "in Kansas"; in line 12, after "jurisdiction" appears for the second time, by inserting "in or out of Kansas"; in line 14, after the period, by inserting:

"(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), if the death occurred outside the state of Kansas and the cremation of the body is intended to take place in a Kansas jurisdiction, the coroner of such Kansas jurisdiction may authorize cremation, but if such coroner knows of the location in which the death occurred, such coroner prior to cremation shall make a good faith attempt to receive written authorization for such cremation from the coroner in the jurisdiction in which the death occurred. If such coroner attempts to contact the coroner in the jurisdiction in which the death occurred but does not within 48 hours after the request receive either written authorization to cremate or some information indicating an investigation is pending or some similar denial to cremate, such coroner in Kansas is presumed to have made a good faith attempt, and the coroner in the jurisdiction where the body is now located is authorized to issue the permit to cremate. A statement about the coroner's attempt to contact shall be maintained by the coroner as part of the records about that body.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c), if the coroner knows that the location of the cause of death is in Kansas but the death occurred outside of Kansas, the coroner shall seek the authorization of or transfer of jurisdiction from the Kansas coroner where the cause of death occurred before authorizing cremation of the body, and the Kansas coroner shall not be required to seek authorization from the out-of-state coroner where the death occurred.

(e)";

Also on page 1, in line 15, after "telefacsimile" by inserting "or electronically"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson