

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL & STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Doug Mays at 1:35 p.m. on February 6, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Joanne Freeborn, Excused

Committee staff present: Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Shelia Pearman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Mary Cook  
David Prentice, Ph.D.  
Wesley J. Smith, Lawyer/Author  
Mike Farmer, Kansas Catholic Conference

Others attending: See attached list

**Without objection bill was introduced as requested by Representative Rehorn amending emergency vehicles definition to include SWAT vehicles as it relates to licensing requirements. [HB 2799]**

**Without objection bill was introduced as requested by Representative Ruff permitting retired police officers. [HB 2796]**

**Without objection bill was introduced as requested by Representative Peterson amending PEERA act process to include binding arbitration following 40 days of mediation. [HB 2825]**

Chairman Mays opened the hearing on **HB 2736 - Human cloning, criminal and civil penalties.** Representative Cook sponsored this bill which would prohibit human cloning and the shipping or receiving of the product of human cloning. She stated this legislation is patterned after the legislation currently pending in Congress. (Attachment #1)

Dr. Prentice clarified that human cloning is asexual reproduction which creates a new developing human. He discussed the variance of therapeutic or experimental cloning from reproductive cloning. He also cited that 95 - 99 percent of clones die before or soon after birth. He stated human experimental cloning is unnecessary for medical progress inasmuch as adult stem cell research is more successful than embryonic stem cell research in other animals. A visual presentation (detailed in Attachment #2) covering embryo development was presented by both Dr. Prentice and Mr. Smith. He urged the committee to support **HB 2736**.

Mr. Smith supported the proposed legislation as well as **HB 2737** and questioned whether the law should permit the biotech industry to make vast profits from the creation and destruction of human life. He stated many of the theoretical medical miracles being pursued via embryonic stem cell research are already being achieved utilizing adult stem cell research and more funding and/or emphasis should be placed in this area of research. He cited nine states have taken the lead in banning cloning and encouraged the committee to pass this important legislation. (Attachment #3)

Mr. Farmer rose in support of **HB 2736** asking the committee to take this positive step in outlawing all human cloning and destructive embryonic stem cell research. (Attachment #4)

The hearing on **HB 2736** was closed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 7, 2002.

