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MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Vratil at 9:37 a.m. on January 14, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Haley (excused)
Senator Pugh (excused)

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor
Mike Heim, Research
Mary Blair, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dennis, Linda and Aaron Beaver, Atchison, Kansas

Others attending: see attached list

The Chair presented organizational information regarding the Committee and discussed housekeeping items. He announced the appointment of the following Senate Judiciary Subcommittee chairs and members:

Sen. Pugh - Chair	Sen. Adkins - Chair	Sen. Schmidt - Chair
Sen. Gilstrap	Sen. Haley	Sen. Goodwin
Sen. Oleen	Sen. Umbarger	Sen. Donovan
	Sen. O'Connor	

Conferee Dennis Beaver narrated a thirty minute PowerPoint presentation entitled: "Casey's Story" which portrays his family's tragic experience as unwilling victims of a convicted drunk driver's actions and a legal system which he stated failed them. He reviewed the history of his son, Casey's, death on August 4, 2000, in an automobile accident caused by a repeat offender of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol (DUI) laws. He presented national and state statistical data regarding the physical, mental, emotional and monetary cost to society of DUI related injuries and deaths, discussed problems with the enforcement of current DUI laws, presented solutions to these problems and summarized "Casey's Law" which makes recommendations for possible legislation. ([attachment 1](#))

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. The next meeting is January 15, 2002.