

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 1:30 P.M. on March 7, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Burroughs- excused

Representative Candy Ruff- excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office

Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees:

David A. Prentice, Ph.D, Senior Fellow for Life Sciences

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Edmonds opened the floor for bill introductions and requested a bill regarding mercury emission from power plants. With no objections, that was accepted for introduction.

There were no other requests for bill introduction.

The Chairman introduced Dr. David Prentice from the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. who gave a briefing on stem cell research. Dr. Prentice stated that within just a few years, the possibility that the human body contains cells that can repair and regenerate damaged and diseased tissue has gone from an unlikely proposition to a virtual certainty. He spoke to the committee on the types of stem cells, stem cell transplant, cloning, and many other aspects of stem cell research. (Attachment 1)

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.