

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on March 10, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ward Loyd- excused  
Representative Dean Newton- excused  
Representative Dan Williams- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes  
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes  
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy O'Neal, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Barbara Allen  
Jack Dickson, Survivors Ministry, 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, El Dorado  
Arlys-Marie Gilchrist, Survivors Ministry, 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, El Dorado  
Mike Farmer, Kansas Catholic Conference

The hearing on **SB 460 - taxpayer identification can not be used to obtain drivers' licenses or other identification cards**, was opened.

Senator Barbara Allen appeared as the sponsor of the proposed bill which would delete from current statute the ability to use a taxpayer identification number as proof of identification if the person does not have a social security number. The IRS does not verify applicants' legal presence in the United States when it issues Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers. By passing the bill it would strengthen the security and verifiability of state issued identifications (Attachment 1)

The hearing on **SB 460** was closed.

The hearing on **SB 436 - statute of limitations on childhood sexual abuse extended to 30 years**, was opened.

Jack Dickson, Survivors Ministry, 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, El Dorado, appeared in support of the proposed bill but requested an amendment which would strike the Senate amendment of 5 years and replace it with a 15 year statute of limitation because in many cases it takes more than 3 years to admit the abuse happened and then the person needs extensive therapy and medical evaluations. The current 3 years is not a sufficient amount of time for victims to bring their case to court. (Attachment 2)

Arlys-Marie Gilchrist, Survivors Ministry, 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, El Dorado, told about her experience of sexual abuse by her father and her medical conditions which are believed to be associated directly and indirectly to that abuse. (Attachment 3)

Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by Mary Jo Grant, Survivors Ministry, 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, El Dorado, (Attachment 4)

Mike Farmer, Kansas Catholic Conference, preferred the current statute of limitations which is 3 years and would be accepting of a 5 year standard but opposed anything more than 5 years. He was concerned that overtime, the truth and recollections begin to fade and those who are involved might have passed away and therefore not able to defend himself. (Attachment 5)

The hearing on **SB 436** was closed.

The committee meeting adjourned. Then next committee meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2004.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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