

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bethell at 3:30 P.M. on January 9, 2007 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Kay Dick, Committee Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bethell. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE. He asked each member and staff to introduce themselves and tell what their interests are outside of the legislature.

Following a summarization of committee rules and regulations, Rep. Bethell explained the duties of the committee and his expectations of the members and staff.

Chairman Bethell gave a brief synopsis of the functions of the 5 major consumers of social services concluding that this committee does not introduce bills that appropriate money.

Rep. Ballard introduced a resolution to re-authorize the State Children's Health Insurance Plan (S-Chip) program. Following discussion, the committee introduced the resolution without hesitation.

Rep. Henry conceptually introduced a bill that will do new born screening tests. By committee consensus the bill was introduced without hesitation.

Rep. Bethell conceptually introduced a bill to change reimbursement for long term care from cost reports to a rolling average of the most current years. Following discussion the bill was introduced without hesitation by the consensus of the committee.

Chairman Bethell adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.