

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. On March 1, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Geraldine Flaharty - Excused
Representative Judy Morrison - Excused
Representative Rick Rehorn - Excused
Representative Dale Swenson - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Campbell, Senior Deputy Attorney General
Representative Joe Shriver

Chairman O'Neal announced that the committee would receive a presentation on the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Settlement & the Sunflower Foundation, from John Campbell, Senior Deputy Attorney.

Mr. Campbell thanked the committee for the opportunity to appear and discuss the Blue Cross & Blue Shield litigation and to answer questions regarding the case, its prosecution and the settlement. (Attachment 1)

Representative Joe Shriver appeared before the committee concerned as to whether or not the Attorney General had the power to establish a charitable trust from the \$75 million settlement when the money actually belongs to the State and should have gone into the general fund. (Attachment 2)

A copy of a memo dated 2/27/01 from Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, was provided to the committee. It addressed answers to questions which were posed at the Democratic Summit. (Attachment 3)

Chairman O'Neal provided the committee with a briefing on the tour of the Kansas Payment Center. (Attachment 4)

The committee meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 5, 2001.