

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:33 P.M. on February 2, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Late Arrivals:

Barnett	1:46
Palmer	1:40

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
 Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
 Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes
 Diana Lee, Office of Revisors of Statutes
 Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Amy Swan, Nursing Mother, Kansas Constituent
 Agatha Nickelson, Nursing Mother, Kansas Constituent
 Libby Rosen, R.N., Kaw Area Breastfeeding Coalition
 Bob Swan, Father of Amy Swan, Kansas Constituent
 Brenda Bandy, La Leche League of Kansas
 Susan Bumsted, R.N., Kansas State Nurses Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing On SB 2284—Right to breastfeed; jury duty exception

Upon request of the Chairman, Vice Chair V. Schmidt called the meeting to order, announcing the next order of business would be a hearing on **HB 2284**. She discussed the past bill's previous year track history and the use of the word "discreetly" in the bill **HB 2284**. Diana Lee, stated that the Committee's last action on this bill was to strike the word "discreetly."

Vice Chairwoman V Schmidt, called upon the first proponent conferee, Amy Swan, Constituent Mother. Stated her story as a nursing mother who was asked to leave a public venue because she was breast feeding her fussy nine-month-old daughter. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Vice Chairwoman, V. Schmidt asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Journey, and Haley, regarding if Amy Swan would have any objections if we continued to remove the word "discreetly", and if Amy felt there would not be any point in time where she did not feel it would be appropriate to publically breastfeed.

The second proponent conferee to testify was Agatha Nickelson, Constituent Mother, stated her experience of a threat to be arrested for breast feeding her one-month-old child in a woman's public bathroom, and her work in Labor and Deliver at Hutchinson Hospital helping new mothers to breastfeed. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Vice Chairwoman V. Schmidt called upon the third proponent conferee, Libby Rosen, Internationally Board Certified Lactation Consultant representing the Kaw Area Breastfeeding Coalition. She stated her knowledge as a health care provider, statistics on breast feeding mothers, breast feeding initiation rates in Kansas, and references on breastfeeding information. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Next Chairman Barnett took over the meeting from Vice Chairwoman V. Schmidt and called upon the

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fourth proponent conferee, Bob Swan, Father of Amy Swan, and concerned constituent of nursing granddaughter, stated his feelings as a man on the issue of supporting the breast feeding bill, and his daughters struggles to breastfeed her baby in a public setting. No written testimony was provided.

The fifth proponent conferee, Brenda Bandy, Professional Liason for La Leche League of Kansas, stated other states laws on both public breastfeeding and jury duty exemption for breastfeeding mothers. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 4) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett called upon the final proponent conferee, Susan Bumsted, M.N., R.N., representing the Kansas State Nurses Association, stated the importance of breastfeeding that leads to the increase in benefits of a child's health. She also gave information on the Legal and Ethical Issues for Nurses. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chairman Barnett asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Brungardt, Wagle, and Haley, a testimony clarification, and a house keeping question of the bill on the word discretely used in bold and italics

As there were no opponent or neutral testimony, Chairman Barnett announced that written testimony was offered from Linda Kenny, KDHE, Erin Brubacher, BSN / RN, Angela Talor, Nursing Mother / Kansas Constituent, Jessica Rau, Nursing Mother, Kansas Constituent, Leah Garver, Nursing Mother, Kansas Constituent, Kelly Hawkins Skinner, Nursing Mother, Kansas Constituent, Debra Welty, RN, and Jane Graves, Nursing Mother, Kansas Constituent. Copies of their testimonies are (Attachment 6) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett then called up Senator Journey who asked the Committee to introduce legislation for one issue. Concerning human cloning.

The motion was made by Senator Journey to introduce the legislation. It was seconded by Senator Gilstrap, and the motion carried.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2006.