

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Barker at 11:15am on Monday, March 23, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mark Kahrs – Excused

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department

Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department

Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Connie Bahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

Final action on: HB2054 — Public speech protection act.

Chairperson Barker called a meeting at the rail. He noted that a quorum was present. He asked the revisor to give an overview of **HB2054**. Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes, gave the overview.

Chairperson Barker advised the committee that when **HB2054** was worked on March 20, 2015, it had not yet been referred back to the judiciary committee from Appropriations. It has now been rereferred to the committee.

Chairperson Barker also advised the committee that the contents of **HB2054** could be put into **SB86** if the committee so desired. He explained what **SB86** was. Representative Jim Ward objected to **HB2054** being put into **SB86**.

Chairperson Barker asked what the committee wanted to do about **HB2054**.

Representative Janice Pauls moved to report **HB2054** favorably for passage, seconded by Representative John Rubin.

Representative Janice Pauls then moved to amend **HB2054** by striking the contents and replacing them with the substitute bill previously submitted, seconded by Representative John Whitmer. A vote was taken, and Chairperson Barker stated that the ayes had it. Division was called, and a vote was taken by a raise of hands. Twelve voted in favor of the amendment, seven in opposition. The motion to amend **HB2054** with the substitute bill passed.

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Representative Janice Pauls closed by asking the committee to report **Substitute for HB2054** favorably for passage. A vote was taken, and Chairperson Barked noted that the ayes had it. Division was called, and a vote was taken by a raise of hands. Fourteen voted in favor, six voted against the bill. **Substitute for HB2054** passed.

There being no further business, the meeting at the rail adjourned at 11:25 a.m.