

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Mason at 1:30 p.m. on February 17, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson
Representative Judy Morrison
Representative Candy Ruff

Committee staff present:

Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Rose Marie Glatt, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jennifer McAdam, Planned Parenthood Kansas & Mid-Missouri
Mark Pederson, Aid for Women of Kansas City
Anna Holcombe, Kansas National Order of Woman
Willow Eby, Central Women's Services, Wichita
Janice McMillen, President, The League of Women Voters of Kansas & Main Stream Coalition
(written testimony)

Others attending:

See Attached List.

HB 2751 - Hearing continued, Regulation, licensing and standards for the operation of abortion clinics

OPPONENTS:

Jennifer McAdam, Planned Parenthood Kansas & Mid. Missouri, opposed the bill stating that abortion in Kansas is safe and that there have been no deaths due to "induced termination of pregnancy" in Kansas since 1980 (Attachment 1). She spoke of the differences in Planned Parenthood guidelines and **HB 2751**. In conclusion she stated that protecting women's health was not the true intention of the bill but rather was a part of an effort to make abortion more expensive and less available.

Discussion followed regarding standards of Planned Parenthood, perceived lack of accurate record keeping and the fiscal impact of the bill.

Mark Pederson, Aid For Women of Kansas City, stated that **HB 2751** is not protective legislation for women, but is erosive to access of already safe medical care to further the 'legal yet inaccessible' Pro Life agenda (Attachment 2). He spoke about the impact the fiscal note would place on the six phone-listed abortion providers in Kansas adding that if abortion services are important, the State should license gratis.

Included with his testimony were cost sheets, and additional resource information.

Julie Burkhart, Women's Healthcare Services rose in opposition to the bill and read into the record the testimony of George R. Tiller, MD, DABFP, (Attachment 3).

Anna Holcombe, Kansas, NOW testified that 43% of all women will have had at least one abortion by the time they are 45 years old (Attachment 4). She provided information on frequency and the reasons women seek abortions. She voiced concern that **HB 2751** would increase the risk of unsafe illegal abortions among low income women.

Willa Eby, a registered nurse testified that there were a variety of services, from Pap Smears to early term abortions, offered at the Central Women's Services, Inc. in Wichita (Attachment 5). She suggested that if outpatient, office-based surgeries are dangerous and require additional regulation, then the legislation

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should encompass all such surgeries.

Written testimonies from Janice McMillen, The League of Woman Voters of Kansas (Attachment 6) and Main Stream Coalition (Attachment 7) were distributed. Written rebuttal testimony was received from Kathy Ostrowski, Kansans for Life, February 18 with a request that it be included in the February 17 minutes(Attachment 8). Copies of this testimony were distributed to the Committee on February 23.

The hearing was closed on **HB 2751**.

HCR 5033 - Constitutional amendment: state recognizes only marriage between a man and a woman.

Representative Williams made a motion to pass HCR 5033 out favorably. Representative Ostmeyer seconded the motion.

Representative Williams made a motion to amend HCR 5033 with a three part balloon amendment (Attachment 9). Representative Novascone seconded the motion.

Discussion followed regarding the definition and ramifications of using the term civil unions and the intent of using civil unions for benefits for partners.

The motion carried (12-6).

Representative Rehorn made an amendment to line 41, changing general election in November to primary election in August. Representative Lane seconded the motion.

Discussion followed regarding similar processes for other constitutional amendments and the importance of the election date.

Representative Edmonds made a substitute motion to advance HCR 5033, as amended. Representative Dahl seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was noted that Representative Freeborn was absent, however had requested to be notified if there was a vote on **HCR 5033**. She was called and returned to the Chamber for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18.