

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on March 11, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Marti Crow- excused
Representative Dean Newton- excused
Representative Michael O'Neal- excused
Representative Dan Williams- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy O'Neal, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Louis Wade, Kansas Credit Attorney's Association

The hearing on **SB 423 - wage garnishment; assignment of accounts**, was opened.

Louis Wade, Kansas Credit Attorney's Association, appeared as a proponent to the bill. Current law imposes an unreasonable restriction on commerce. Most consumer finance transactions are assigned to a third party, and without wage garnishment provisions these debts escape repayment. The proposed bill would repeal those provisions which prohibits wage garnishments for assigned accounts. It does retain child support as a priority. It should be the policy in Kansas that debts that are incurred are paid off. (Attachment 1)

The hearing on **SB 423** was closed.

The committee meeting adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2004.