

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Vratil at 9:30 A.M. on March 15, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present,  
Phil Journey arrived, 9:40 a.m.  
David Haley arrived, 10:02 a.m.

Committee staff present:  
Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Helen Pedigo, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Karen Clowers, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Representative Patricia Kilpatrick  
Phil Kline, Attorney General, State of Kansas  
Sandy Barnett, Executive Director, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

Others attending:  
See attached list.

The hearing on **HB 2576--Persistent sex offender, life without possibility of parole; hard 25 or 50 for certain sex offenders; task force to review feasibility of GPS monitoring of certain offenders** was opened.

Phil Kline appeared in support encouraging the committee to enhance the safety of Kansas children (Attachment 1). The Attorney General listed recent steps taken to protect children and indicated several actions which he feels would further enhance the safety of Kansas children.

Representative Kilpatrick spoke in support providing a general overview of the bill (No written testimony).

Sandy Barnett appeared as a proponent and provided a copy of *Update* by the American Prosecutor Research Institute pertinent to the issues be addressed (Attachment 2). Ms. Barnett suggested the creation of a Sex Offender Policy Board to assist law enforcement and the judicial system in addressing sexual violence.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2576** was submitted by:  
Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections (Attachment 3)

Written testimony in a neutral stance was submitted by:  
Michael White, Kansas County and District Attorneys Association (Attachment 4)

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2576** was closed.

The Chairman called for final action on **HB 2576--Persistent sex offender, life without possibility of parole; hard 25 or 50 for certain sex offenders; task force to review feasibility of GPS monitoring of certain offenders**. The Chairman suggested the committee substitute **SB 334** into **HB 2576** to insure a vehicle for the conference committee to work. Following discussion concerning the benefits of substituting **SB 334** into **HB 2576** the Chairman suggested also inserting **SB 243** into **HB 2576**. Copies of both bills had been provided and it was suggested the committee members take time to consider both bills and continue at a later date (Attachments 5 & 6).

The Chairman called for final action on **Sub HB 2706--Contempt of court; child support arrearage, driver's license suspension**.

Senator Journey moved, Senator Betts seconded, to amend HB 2706 to exempt the driving restriction to the same restrictions as those for first time DUI offenders. Motion carried. Senator Goodwin voted no, and requested her vote recorded in the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 16, 2006.