

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:30 P.M. on March 22, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Whitney Nordstrom, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Peggy Mast  
LeVeta Adams  
Cheryl Sullenger  
Linda Cramer  
Michelle Herzog  
Mike Farmer  
Jeann Gawdun  
Kathy Ostrowski  
Marsha Strahm  
Brenda Mitchell  
Dr. Herbert Hodes  
Sarah London  
Dr. Irene Bettinger  
Jana Mackey  
Julie Burkhart  
Mark Pederson  
Gary Baker

Others attending:

See attached list.

### **Hearing on HB 2503**

#### **HB 2503– Regulation, licensing and standards for operation of abortion clinics**

Upon calling the meeting to order the Chair announced there would be a hearing on **HB 2503**, an act concerning abortion clinics; providing for regulations, licensing and standards for the operation thereof; providing for violations and authorizing injunctive actions. First Chairperson Barnett asked Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department, to give a brief overview of the bill.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Weber, the Chair called upon the first proponent conferee to testify, Representative Peggy Mast. A copy of Representative Mast's testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Representative Mast, Chairperson Barnett called upon the second proponent conferee to testify, LeVeta Adams. A copy of Ms. Adam's testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Adams, the Chair called upon the third proponent conferee to testify, Cheryl Sullenger. A copy of Ms. Sullenger's testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Sullenger, Chairperson Barnett called upon the fourth proponent conferee to testify, Linda Cramer. A copy of Ms. Cramer's testimony is (Attachment 4) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

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As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Cramer, the Chair called upon the fifth proponent conferee to testify, Michelle Herzog. A copy of Ms. Herzog's testimony is ([Attachment 5](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Herzog, Chairperson Barnett called upon the sixth proponent conferee to testify, Mike Farmer. A copy of Mr. Farmer's testimony is ([Attachment 6](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Mr. Farmer, the Chair called upon the seventh proponent conferee to testify, Jeann Gawdun. A copy of Ms. Gawdun's testimony is ([Attachment 7](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Gawdun, Chairperson Barnett called upon the eighth proponent conferee to testify, Kathy Ostrowski. A copy of Ms. Ostrowski's testimony is ([Attachment 8](#), [Attachment 9](#), [Attachment 10](#), [Attachment 11](#), [Attachment 12](#), [Attachment 13](#), [Attachment 14](#), and [Attachment 15](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Ostrowski, the Chair called upon the ninth proponent conferee to testify, Marsha Strahm. A copy of Ms. Strahm's testimony is ([Attachment 16](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Strahm, Chairperson Barnett called upon the tenth proponent conferee to testify, Brendan Mitchell. A copy of Mr. Mitchell's testimony is ([Attachment 17](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Mr. Mitchell, the Chair called upon the first opponent conferee to testify, Dr. Herbert Hodes. A copy of Dr. Hodes's testimony is ([Attachment 18](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Dr. Hodes, Chairperson Barnett called upon the second opponent conferee to testify, Sarah London. A copy of Ms. London's testimony is ([Attachment 19](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. London, the Chair called upon the third opponent conferee to testify, Dr. Irene Bettinger. A copy of Dr. Bettinger's testimony is ([Attachment 20](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Dr. Bettinger, Chairperson Barnett called upon the fourth opponent conferee to testify, Jana Mackey. A copy of Ms. Mackey's testimony is ([Attachment 21](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Mackey's, the Chair called upon the fifth opponent conferee to testify, Julie Burkhart. A copy of Ms. Burkhart's testimony is ([Attachment 22](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Burkhart, Chairperson Barnett called upon the sixth opponent conferee to testify, Mark Pederson. A copy of Mr. Pederson's testimony is ([Attachment 23](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Mr. Pederson, the Chair called upon the seventh opponent conferee to testify, Dr. Gary Baker. A copy of Dr. Baker's testimony is ([Attachment 24](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Senator Haley motioned to table legislation until a later date. There was no second. Motion died. Senator Wagle motioned to pass legislation favorably with the amendment of annually. Senator Palmer seconded the motion. With five votes in favor and the rest against Motion Passed.

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**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.