

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike O'Neal at 3:30 P.M. on March 25, 2008 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Annie Kuether - excused
Ben Hodge - excused
Raj Goyle - excused
Jason Watkins - excused
Kevin Yoder - excused
Paul Davis - excused
Jim Ward - excused
Marti Crow - excused
Delia Garcia - excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Phil Journey

The hearing on **SB 48 - municipal court, accused person's competency to stand trial**, was opened.

Senator Phil Journey appeared before the committee as the sponsor of the proposed bill. He explained that it would allow cases to be removed from municipal court and placed in district court for the purpose of the defendant receiving a competency evaluation. Once the evaluation is done, the case would return to municipal court. (Attachment #1)

Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by The City of Overland Park. (Attachment #2)

The hearing on **SB 48** was closed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.