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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Brunk at 9:01 a.m. on January 27, 2009, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Jill Quigley- excused

Committee staff present:

Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant
Jerry Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Paul H. Wooley, PH.D., Center of Innovation for Biomaterials in Orthopaedic Research (CIBOR)

Others attending:

See attached list.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by the Chairman. The minutes of January 15th and January 21st which had been distributed earlier were approved.

The Chairman asked if there were any bill introductions. Representative Grange reintroduced his bill about Contractor Continuing Education and asked the Committee if it should be entered as a Committee Bill. The motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to introduce it as a Committee Bill.

Representative Tietze introduced a bill that would allow bus drivers for private companies to draw unemployment during the summer months only. It was received without objection.

Representative Worley introduced Samie Walters, from Prairie Village, Mission Valley Middle School as his legislative shadow. Representative Tietze also introduced her legislative shadow, Hadasseh Puderbaugh, from Topeka High School. Representative Grange introduced Will Johnson from Whitewater, Kansas, Remington High School as his legislative shadow and all three were welcomed by the Committee.

The Chairman introduced Mike Good, the Business Operations Officer of Via Christi Research. He thanked the Committee for allowing them to update the Committee about their project. A project that has the potential for job retention and new job opportunities. He then introduced Dr. Paul Wooley.

Paul H. Wooley, PH.D., Center of Innovation for Biomaterials in Orthopaedic Research (CIBOR), handed out his presentation ([Attachment 1](#)). He spoke about the future of Orthopaedic devices because of the increasing numbers of joint replacements. Even though joint replacements provided excellent pain relief and restoration of function there are an increasing numbers of implant failures due to stress shielding, material wear debris and material sensitivity. Research is ongoing to achieve revision-free implants through the use of composite materials. Experiments are being done with composites to determine if they can be used in the body. In addition there are FDA Class I, II and III devices that can be developed with composite materials that could be used in operating rooms and in military applications. Finally he spoke about CIBOR being ideally suited for Wichita because of the Aviation Research in Composites.

Representative Bethell asked if 15 years was an accurate life span for a joint replacement. Dr. Wooley said that it was except with people who are young who tend to stress the joint by playing basketball.

Representative Hermanson asked what the time frame was for composite joint replacement. Dr. Wooley said that he should be able to begin clinical trials in five years.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.