

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Vratil at 9:37 a.m. on February 7, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor
Mike Heim, Research
Mary Blair, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ben Burgess, Parole Board
Sherry Sage, AAA Kansas
Senator James Barnett
John Heim, Superintendent, USD 253
Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance
Chris Collins, Kansas Medical Society (KMS)
Tim Madden, Department of Corrections (DOC)
Amy Hyten, Office of Judicial Administration (OJA)

Others attending: see attached list

The minutes of the February 6th, 2002 meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Donovan, seconded by Senator Schmidt. Carried.

Bill Introduction:

Conferee Burgess discussed a disparity in the law related to sentencing and requested introduction of a bill to correct this.(no attachment) Senator O'Connor moved to introduce the bill, Senator Goodwin seconded. Carried.

SB 432-transportation of minor passengers

Conferee Sage testified in support of **SB 432**, a bill which places a limit on the type and number of passengers a minor driver may have in the vehicle while driving. The conferee discussed the statistics related to teenage driving fatalities specifically noting that an increase in the number of teenage passengers increased the risk for crash fatalities.(attachment 1)

Conferee Barnett testified in support of **SB 432**. He stated the intent of the bill was to reduce deaths and injuries related to teenage drivers. He provided statistical data to support the need for the bill and discussed the bill's provisions.(attachment 2) Discussion followed.

Conferee Heim testified in support of **SB 432** citing statistical data to support the need for the bill.(attachment 3)

Conferee Sneed testified in support of **SB 432**. He summarized the bill and presented further statistical data to support a need for the bill. (attachment 4)

Conferee Collins testified in support of **SB 432**. She cited statistical data to support the need for the bill. She briefly discussed the KMS support of graduated licensing for minor drivers referring to a copy of their policy in her handout.(attachment 5)

Written testimony supporting **SB 432** was submitted by the State Child Death Review Board.(attachment 6)

SB 433-DUI; notice to DOC

Conferee Madden testified in support of **SB 433**, a bill which would amend those provisions in current law relating to offenders convicted of fourth and subsequent DUI offenses. He discussed the amendments in detail.(attachment 7)

Conferee Hyten testified as neutral on **SB 433**. She reviewed certain provisions in the bill and requested Committee consider a balloon amendment proposed by the OJA. She discussed amendments in the balloon and the purpose for incorporating the proposed **SB 494** into this bill.(attachment 8)

The meeting adjourned at 10:30. The next scheduled meeting is February 8, 2002.