

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael R. O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on March 7, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Andrew Howell - Excused
Representative Ward Loyd - Excused
Representative Rick Rehorn - Excused
Representative Candy Ruff - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Department of Legislative Research
Jill Wolters, Department of Revisor of Statutes
Sherman Parks, Department of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gorden Smith, Hutchinson Police Department
Tuck Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association
Pedro Irigonegaray, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association

Hearings on **HB 2899 - Providing immunity from liability for parties participating in a program that provides alcohol level indicators**, were opened.

Gorden Smith, Hutchinson Police Department, requested that the bill be introduced, appeared as a proponent. Evidence shows that a great number of people who drink do not know or realize that they are over the legal limit of liquor consumption. If they knew they probably would choose not to drive. With the introduction of the Intoxilizer Stick into drinking establishments, patrons would be made aware of their consumption and would hopefully take appropriate action and not drive home. (Attachment 1)

Tuck Duncan, Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association, appeared in support of the bill and stated that this would be most effective with those who are noticeable intoxicated to convince them that they shouldn't drive. (Attachment 2)

Pedro Irigonegaray, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, agreed that something needs to be done with those who drink and drive, but because it gives blanket immunity, which is not in the best interest of Kansans, he opposed the bill. (Attachment 3)

Hearings on **HB 2899** were closed.

HB 2867 - Right of certain aliens to transfer or inherit real property, repealer

Representative Lloyd made the motion to report HB 2867 favorably for passage. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee minutes from February 6, 7, 11 and 12 were distributed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.