

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Vratil at 9:39 a.m. on February 5, 2002 in Room 120-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:

Sheila Walker, Director, Department of Vehicles

Others attending: see attached list

The minutes of the February 4th meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Donovan, seconded by Senator Schmidt. Carried.

Bill introductions:

Senator Adkins requested introduction of a bill which would protect the identity of callers who provide information to any of the 40 Crime Stoppers Programs in Kansas.(attachment 1) Senator Adkins moved to introduce the bill, Senator Goodwin seconded. Carried. He further requested introduction of a bill which would provide for the use of prior drug offenses for sentence enhancement in drug possession cases.(no attachment) Senator Adkins moved to introduce the bill, Senator Schmidt seconded. Carried.

Senator Pugh, on behalf of the American Bail Coalition, requested introduction of a bill which would amend current law by requiring a bail bondsman to register with the Chief Judge in the circuit to which he is making application.(attachment 2) Senator Pugh moved to introduce the bill, Senator Oleen seconded. Carried.

The Chair reviewed the following Senate Judiciary Committee bills: **SB 76, 88, 103, 104, 117, 131, 180, 206, 207, 215, 225, 228 241, 272, 303, 341,354, SCR 1604, HB 2075, 2079, 2080, 2230, 2549.** Several of the bills had been resolved or merged into other bills. There was general consensus to take no action on those bills which hadn't been acted upon.

SB 391–failure to comply with traffic citation

Conferee Walker testified in support of **SB 391**, a bill which she stated amends current law to clear up ambiguity in the law regarding the reinstatement of driving privileges.(attachment 3) Following discussion, Senator Schmidt moved to amend the balloon amendment to correct a technical error, Senator Donovan seconded. Carried. Senator O'Connor moved to amend current law as stated in the balloon amendment, Senator Schmidt seconded. Carried. Senator Donovan moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended, Senator Goodwin seconded. Carried.

SB 392–drivers license; habitual violators

Conferee Walker testified in support of **SB 392**, a bill which she stated amends current law to correct an oversight in the Habitual Violator Act.(attachment 4) Following discussion Senator Donovan moved to pass the bill out favorably effective upon publication in the Kansas Register, Senator Goodwin seconded. Carried with Senator Pugh requesting his nay vote be recorded.

Final Action

SB 116–concerning firearms, ammunition and firearms dealers; re: limitation on certain civil action relating thereto.

Senator Schmidt discussed a substitute amendment for **SB 116**.(attachment 5) Following discussion Senator Schmidt moved to amend the bill with the substitute amendment, Senator O'Connor seconded. Carried. Senator Umbarger moved to recommend Substitute for SB 116 favorable for passage, Senator O'Connor seconded. Carried with Senator Goodwin requesting her nay vote be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 6, 2002.