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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Wolf at 9:07 a.m., February 22, 2011, in Room 142S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Chairperson Kiegerl (excused).

Committee Staff Present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaee Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
June Christensen, Committee Assistant

Others attending: See attached list.

Approval of the February 8, February 10, February 15, and February 17, 2011 Minutes:

Representative Roth moved to approve the February 8, February 10, February 15, and February 17, 2011, Minutes as presented. Representative Rubin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairperson Wolf opened the hearing on

HB 2105, children in need of care; relating to removal of child from parent's custody.

Representative Ruben moved that the House Committee favorably approve HB 2105 as presented. Representative Brunk seconded the motion.

Discussion clarified that approval of the bill would not allow the issue of homelessness to be the sole factor in removing children from the home but as a part of the whole bill. Chairperson Wolf said it, basically, was an amendment to the present Kansas Statutes.

Chairman Wolf called for the question. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wolf related that he had received a call from a special education teacher regarding the passage of school guidelines four years ago that required schools to make a monthly report. Up to this time period, no negative reports have been filed. He noted that perhaps some of the testimony that had previously been given related to things that may have taken place several years ago.

Representative Rubin said he was interested in pursuing legislative mandates to provide insurance coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Kansas and understood a bill had been introduced. He said he would support this bill.

Discussion was held concerning the status of other proposed bills that this Committee has referred to either the Senate or House committees. Depending on the outcome of those committees, some bills may come back to this Committee.

Chairperson Wolf said he had no further issues to come before the Committee, and if there is something that needs to be addressed, he will call another meeting.

Chairperson Wolf adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.