

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Brunk at 1:30 p.m. on March 10, 2011, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Fund – excused
Representative Peterson - excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efirid, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Michael Schuttloffel, Executive Director, Kansas Catholic Conference
Virginia Phillips, Trust Women
Sarah Gillooly, Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called for bill introductions. Mike Murray, Kansas Food Dealers Association and Retail Grocers Association of Greater Kansas City introduced a bill to allow the sale of full strength beer, wine and spirits in grocery and convenience stores. It was received without exception. The Chairman introduced three bills; one concerning religious liberties, the second was an education bill and the third was the K-State Student Veterinary bill, All three were received without exception.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2337 Licensing of abortion clinics by department of health and environment.**

Michael Schuttloffel, Kansas Catholic Conference, presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2337 (Attachment 1)**. He said that abortion is the killing of a human being—an innocent, defenseless human being. We support this bill because we believe that this is a necessary step if sanity is ever to be restored to our nation. He said that veterinary clinics in Kansas are more strictly regulated than abortion clinics. It is impossible to imagine any other medical procedure where “woman’s rights” groups would fight tooth and nail against the right of a woman to have information about a medical procedure. There is little hope that society's treatment of unborn human life will be brought into conformity with the natural law if the practice of abortion cannot even be made to conform to the standards of positive law.

Representative Loganbill asked Kathy if she had said that there were five maternal deaths. Kathy said that maternal death could be from anything, not just abortion. Kathy clarified that Dr. Hodes said there were five women who had died. So they were maternal because they were pregnant. She was just going by what he said.

Virginia Phillips, Trust Women, presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2337 (Attachment 2)**. She said that the purpose of this bill was to further limit the number of abortion providers. She said that payouts between 2000-2004 for medical malpractice, specifically for abortion, was 1.35 percent.

Representative Rubin asked if she was aware of the former abortion clinic of Dr. Krishna Rajanna? She said that she had heard of it. Considering what the police found there, do you not think that Kansas has a legitimate health or welfare interest in regulating an establishment like that? Virginia said that there were already regulations for abortion providers. Representative Loganbill asked if Dr. Rajanna was practicing anymore? Virginia said not to her knowledge. Representative Brunk asked how long this doctor was in business before he was exposed? Virginia did not know but would get back to him with it. Representative Knox asked how the inspection of three clinics twice a year could cost over a million dollars. Representative Boman said it seems that the solution to the problem is comprehensive sex

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education. Would you explain what that means? Virginia said it would start with increased access to affordable contraception and age appropriate comprehensive sex education to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies. Representative Boman asked if sex education had been taught in schools for longer than you have been born? Virginia said it had not been treated uniformly. Representative Brunk pointed out that we are not dealing with a 1.35 percent death rate, but rather with a 100 percent death rate of the unborn child.

Sarah Gillooly, Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri, presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2337** (Attachment 3). She said that the Woman's Right to Know Act of 2009 carried a fiscal note of \$100,000 which was never funded. She said that this was not the time to pass unfunded mandates or expensive licensure requirements.

Representative Rubin asked how much does Planned Parenthood charge for an abortion? Sarah said the fee ranges from \$300 to well over \$1000. It depends on whether the woman is choosing medication or surgical abortion. There are a variety of other factors that affect the costs. Representative Rubin asked how much Planned Parenthood charged for a family counseling session and provision of contraceptives? Sarah said that they could not prescribe contraceptives without a physical exam. The fee is on a sliding scale from zero up to full pay. I'm not sure what the full pay is. The sliding scale is based on a woman's income. Representative O'Hara asked if gestational age was the age of the baby. Sarah said yes.

Kathy Ostrowski said that women are being injured and are not being reported.

Sarah Gillooly said that Dr. Hodes does not offer medical abortions.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2337**.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.