

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **HB 2808** be amended on page 1, following line 31, by inserting:

"Sec. 2. (a) Abuse of a sports official is intentionally:

(1) Striking, shoving, kicking, spitting on or otherwise causing physical contact with a sports official or threatening to engage in such conduct;

(2) approaching a sports official in a menacing, threatening, irate or violent manner that would cause a reasonable person to fear for such person's safety; or

(3) directing threatening, abusive or obscene language or making obscene gestures toward a sports official that would cause a reasonable person to fear for such person's safety.

(b) Abuse of a sports official is a:

(1) Class B person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection (b)(2); and

(2) class A person misdemeanor, if the sports official is less than 18 years of age.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "sports official" means a person who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, timekeeper, assistant, inspector or judge, or performs similar functions at a competitive event, whether paid or unpaid.

(d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "and" and inserting a comma; in line 3, after "employee" by inserting "and abuse of sports official; providing penalties therefor"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson