

MINUTES OF THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on March 7, 2011 in Room 159 S of the Capitol.

All committee members were present except:

Senator Pete Brungardt--excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Revisor

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Keele, Chief of Police, Parsons, Kansas

Debra Billingsly, on behalf of Kansas Board of Pharmacy

Sean Wallace, Chief of Police, City of Arkansas City, Kansas

Lin Shaffer, R.Ph., Caldwell Compounding Pharmacy, Caldwell, Kansas

Vince Wetta, State Representative, 80th District

Larry Anderson, M.D., Sumner County Family Care Center, P.A., Wellington, Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

The hearing opened on **SB 131 Making methamphetamine precursors schedule III prescription drugs** with the proponents presenting.

Senator Reitz, committee chair, presented an overview of methamphetamine ([attachment 1](#)), describing the drug and its effects. John Keele, Chief of Police, Parsons, Kansas, asked for support for a law to require a prescription that would reduce or eliminate the number of "One Pot" meth labs in communities ([attachment 2](#)). Sean Wallace, Chief of Police, Arkansas City, Kansas, testified in favor of the bill as the current controls on pseudoephedrine are not working and further steps are needed to curb meth production, which **SB 131** would do ([attachment 3](#)). Linn Shaffer, R.Ph., Caldwell Compounding Pharmacy, stated that state pharmacists have tried different methods of controlling the sale of pseudoephedrine to prevent meth lab operators from obtaining the drug. He thinks most of his colleagues would agree that the previous methods have failed ([attachment 4](#)). Vince Wetta, Representative, 80th District, referred to the states that have changed their laws and the cost of tracking ([attachment 5](#)). Larry Anderson, M.D., Sumner County Family Care Center, P.A., testified the bill would give legislators the opportunity to improve the health and safety of the citizens of Kansas while at the same time spending less money ([attachment 6](#)).

Questions and discussion followed the testimony.

Written testimony was provided by: Steve E. Abrams, M.D., Senator, 32nd District ([attachment 7](#)); Mike Larkin, Kansas Pharmacists Association ([attachment 8](#)); and Belle Plaine High School, Belle Plaine, Kansas ([attachment 9](#)).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2011.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Judiciary Committee at 9:30 a.m. on January 15, 2010, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.