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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arlen Siegfried at 9:00 a.m. on February 20, 2013, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Peterson – Excused

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes

Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Joanna Wochner, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jerry Slaughter, Executive Director, Kansas Medical Society

Judson Jones

Jay Atkin, Oathkeepers of Kansas

Representative Lance Kinzer

Michael Schuttloffel, Kansas Catholic Conference

Jeanne Gawdun, Kansans for Life

Robert Eye, Council, Trust Women

Dr. Herbert Hodes, Center for Women's Health

Corey Swertfager

Chantalle Hanschu

Vickie Stangl, President, Wichita NOW

Elise Higgins, Kansas NOW

Others attending: See attached.

The Chairman called for bill introductions, there were none.

The Chairman reopened the hearing on **HB 2199 Second amendment protection act.**

Jerry Slaughter presented testimony as neutral on **HB 2199** (Attachment 1). The only concern they have in the bill is the prohibition of all physicians, except psychiatrists, from inquiring about the presence of firearms in the patients home or property. Several reasons were given for allowing the question. A balloon amendment was offered to change the wording to make it acceptable (Attachment 2).

Judson Jones presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2199** (Attachment 3).

Jay Atkin presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2199** (Attachment 4). He said that James Madison wrote the second amendment because of the concern over a federal military coup. That possibility demanded that the people have the ability to defend the constitution.

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2199.**

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The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2253 Abortion; prohibiting funding for abortion services, amending late-term abortion and women's right-to-know statutes.**

Representative Lance Kinzer testified as a proponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 5). The bill clarifies restrictions on the use of state money to perform or facilitate the performance of abortions as well as limiting tax benefits relating to the performance of an abortion.

Michael Schuttloffel presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 6). He said that the bill takes important steps to ensure that Kansan's hard-earned taxpayer dollars are not used to finance abortion.

Jeanne Gawdun presented testimony as a proponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 7). The Pro-life Protections Act removes state funding for abortion and tax advantages for abortion providing businesses.

Robert V. Eye presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 8). He is opposed to the bill because he says that it creates a threat to women's health and safety.

Dr. Herbert Hodes presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 9). Dr. Hodes objected to the bill because it would force him to lie to his patients and would penalize physicians who provide a full range of reproductive health care.

The Chairman recessed the hearing on **HB 2253** at 10:50 a.m. so the legislatures could go to the House session at 11:00 a.m.

The Chairman resumed the hearing on **HB 2253 Abortion; prohibiting funding for abortion services, amending late-term abortion and women's right-to-know statutes** at 12:52 p.m. in Room 212-N of the Capitol.

Corey Swertfager presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 10).

Chantalle Hanschu presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 11). She spoke of her experience of dealing with women in abusive relationships.

Vickie Stangl testified as an opponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 12). She said that pregnancy was far more dangerous than abortion.

Elise Higgins presented testimony as an opponent of **HB 2253** (Attachment 13). She said that Kansas NOW opposes the bill because it is disrespectful to women and families' decision making power, it requires doctors to break the oath of their profession, triggers a blanket ban on all abortions, and it creates a new tax on abortions in Kansas.

Written testimony in opposition to **HB 2253** was submitted by:

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JT Hammons, Student at the University of Kansas (Attachment 14)
Peter Brownlie, President, Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri (Attachment 15)
Gail James, Board of Directors, MainStream Coalition (Attachment 16)
Cait McNelly (Attachment 17)
Amanda Schulze, President, Commission on the Status of Women (Attachment 18)
Heidi Shulista, Certified Birth Doula (Attachment 19)
Mary Akerstrom (Attachment 20)

The Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2253**.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013.