Approved: <u>3/5/09</u>

Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lance Kinzer at 3:30 p.m. on February 17, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department Jerry Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department Sue VonFeldt, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list.

HB 2154 - Conduct and offenses giving rise to forfeiture; adding prostitution and related offenses.

Melissa Doeblin, Staff Revisor, provided the committee with an overview of the bill.

Representative Watkins made the motion to report **HB 2154** favorably for passage. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

HB 2144 - Establishing the community defense act.

Melissa Doeblin, Staff Revisor, provided the committee with an overview of the bill.

Representative Pauls made the motion to report **HB 2144** favorably for passage. Representative Kleeb seconded the motion.

While some representatives questioned the need for a state law and held that cities and communities should control and enforce the standards at a local level, others expressed concern that many of the smaller communities are overwhelmed and not financially in a position to fight the strong opposition which is supported by industries that have much stronger financial resources.

Representative Talia made the motion to table **HB2144** and have more hearings. Representative Crow seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Representative Pauls moved her motion to report **HB 2144** favorably for passage. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.