

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Vratil at 9:30 A.M. on February 28, 2006, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Les Donovan- excused
Greta Goodwin- excused
David Haley- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Helen Pedigo, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Karen Clowers, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

The hearing on **HB 2104--UCC securities interest in oil and gas production** was opened.

The Chairman indicated this bill was heard last year but several changes had been made.

Ed Cross appeared as a proponent and provided background on the bill (Attachment 1). Mr. Cross indicated concern regarding producers and interest owners as unsecured general creditors and provided a balloon amendment with the requested changes. Mr. Cross stated that the proposed amendment also addressed the concerns of the Kansas Livestock Association and the Kansas Bankers Association.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2104** was submitted by:

Erick Nordling, Executive Secretary, Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association (Attachment 2)
Allie Devine, Vice President, Kansas Livestock Association (Attachment 3)

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2104** was closed.

The hearing on **HB 2562--Adoption; waiver of home study upon request of a relative of the child** was opened. The Chairman provided background on the bill. There were no conferees present.

The hearing on **HB 2562** was closed.

The hearing on **HB 2606--Theft of services** was opened. The Chairman provided background on the bill. There were no conferees present.

The hearing on **HB 2606** was closed.

The Chairman called for final action on **HB 2231--Defendant may petition the court to modify certain drug offense prison sentences to certified drug abuse treatment programs.**

The Chairman provided background on the bill which was heard on February 16. Following discussion, Senator Schmidt moved, Senator Allen seconded, to table **HB 2231**. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is March 1, 2006.