MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY						
Held in Room 519 S, at the Statehouse at 11:00 a.m. prox on February 16 , 19 78						
All members were present except: Senators Gaar and Mulich						
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The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Kathleen Sebelius - Kansas Trial Lawyers Association
Judy Teusink - Kansas Women's Political Caucus
Katie Krider - Battered Women's task Force, Shawnee County
Mark L. Bennett - American Insurance Association
L. M. Cornish - Ks. Assoc. of Property & Casualty Insurance Companies, Inc.
Jerry Palmer - Kansas Trial Lawyers Association
Mike Malone - Douglas County Attorney

Chairman

Staff present:

Art Griggs - Revisor of Statutes Paul Purcell - Legislative Research Department Jerry Stephens - Legislative Research Department

Senate Bill 841 - Divorce, modification of alimony payments. No one appeared with regard to this bill. The chairman announced that an attorney from western Kansas who had been scheduled to appear as a conferee was unable to be present. Senator Gannon will try to have a conferee appear sometime next week.

 $\underline{\text{Senate Bill 910}}$ - Aggravated kidnapping. No one appeared with regard to this bill.

<u>Senate Bill 845</u> - Civil actions, authorizing spouses to sue one another for any cause. Kathleen Sebelius spoke in favor of the bill, and introduced Jerry Palmer who also spoke in support of the bill. Committee discussion with him followed.

Judy Teusink appeared in support of the bill. She stated that the Women's Political Caucusaand the Shawnee County Women's Task Force support the bill.

Katie Krider, the coordinator of the Battered Women's Task Force of Shawnee County, appeared in support of the bill. She related experiences of battered women with whom the task force has worked. Committee discussion with her followed.

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Mark Bennett appeared in opposition to the bill. He urged that the bill be amended to provide only authority for one spouse to sue another when there was a deliberate act by the offending spouse. Committee discussion with him followed.

Bud Cornish appeared in opposition to the bill. He stated the concept of spouse suing spouse is not in the public interest. Committee discussion with him followed.

Mr. Palmer appeared in rebuttal of some of the points advanced by Mr. Bennett and Mr. Cornish. He stated that inter-spousal immunity had been done away in Oklahoma by judicial decision.

Senate Bill 911 - Establishing district attorney in the seventh Judicial district. Senator Berman introduced the Douglas County Attorney, Mike Malone, who spoke in support of the bill. He related difficulties with compensation. He also stated that the duties of prosecutor in Douglas County require the full time of the prosecutor, and the compensation should be in accordance with the duties.

The meeting adjourned.

These minutes were read and approved by the committee on 4-6-78.

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