MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Held in Room 519 S, at the Statehouse at 11:00 a.m. pxno., on March 22 , 19 78.
All members were present except: Senator Gaar
The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 11:00 a.m./p.xxx, on March 23 , 19 78
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The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Representative Kalo Hineman
Representative Robert Miller
Jim Concannon - Washburn Law School
Joan Hamilton - Assistant District Attorney in Shawnee County
Judy Teusink - Kansas Women's Political Caucus
Vincent DeCoursey - Kansas Catholic Conference
Arden Ensley - Revisor of Statutes

Staff present:

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

House Bill 2787 - Open public meetings, notice. Representative Kalo Hineman testified in support of his bill. He related an incident where a town in his district received a petition from 40 people; they were able to provide the notice to all 40, but what would they have done if there had been 400 people sign the petition? He pointed that the amendment to the statute in this bill would treat a group of petitioners like a trade association. Committee discussion with him followed.

House Bill 2464 - Criminal code, amending 21-3722, 21-3512 and 21-3515. Representative Miller testified in support of the bill. He stated that he placed the floor amendment on the bill in order to get control on massage parlors, by redefining prostitution. He explained the provisions of the floor amendment. Committee discussion with him followed.

Vincent DeCoursey testified in favor of licensure of massage parlors. A copy of his statement is attached hereto. Committee discussion with him followed.

House Bill 2290 - Relating to crime of rape and crimes related thereto. Professor Concannon appeared and explained the provisions of the bill. Considerable discussion with him followed.

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Joan Hamilton, Assistant District Attorney for Shawnee County, testified with regard to the bill. She related her experience in prosecuting cases involving sexual assualts. She says there is a need for safe guard in this statute. Committee discussion with her followed.

Judy Teusink testified that the Kansas Women's Political Caucus has concern about the bill.

House Bill 2694 - Relating to filing and consideration of certain claims against state. Arden Ensley appeared to explain the bill. He stated the house had reduced the number of attorneys required to be on the committee, and had eliminated the provisions specifying who the chairman would be. Senator Steineger stated that the purpose of the bill is to provide a procedure as close as possible to a judicial proceedings in order to try to keep governmental immunity for the state. Considerable discussion followed concerning various aspects of the bill.

The meeting adjourned.

These minutes were read and approved by the committee on 4-24-78

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TESTIMONY: Vincent DeCoursey, Executive Director Kansas Catholic Conference

Senate Judiciary Committee Re: H.B. 2464 as amended

March 22, 1978

I appear here in support of the adoption of H.B. 2464 as amended by the House Committee of the Whole. There is an obvious need for immediate state action to stem the tide of sex crimes that threaten to inundate our state and nation.

We urge the committee to report H.B. 2464 favorable for passage. At the same time, acknowledging a lack of familiarity with the legal ramifications, I wonder why prostitution should be a class B misdeamenor while patronizing a prostitute should be a class C misdeamenor. The committee may wish to address what to me comes across as an inequity.

We do favor H.B. 2464 and we ask the Judiciary Committee to consider possible amendment of section 3 (2) to equalize the punishment as between prostitute and one who patronizes a prostitute.