

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2183** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, by striking all in lines 18 through 31;

By striking all on pages 2 through 6;

On page 7, by striking all in lines 1 through 12; following line 12 by inserting:

"Section 1. (a) In interpreting a state statute, rule and regulation or document that has the force and effect of law, a state court or an administrative hearing officer hearing an administrative action may consider but shall not defer to a state agency's interpretation of such statute, rule and regulation or document and shall interpret the meaning and effect of such statute, rule and regulation or document de novo.

(b) In an action brought by or against a state agency, after applying all customary tools of interpretation and rules of statutory construction pursuant to law, a state court or an administrative hearing officer hearing an administrative action shall exercise any remaining doubt in a way that is consistent with an individual's fundamental constitutional rights.

(c) As used in this section, "rule and regulation" and "state agency" mean the same as defined in K.S.A. 77-602, and amendments thereto.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; in line 5, by striking all after the stricken material; by striking all in lines 6 through 14; in line 15, by striking all before the period and inserting "state agencies; relating to interpretation of statutes, rules and regulations and documents with the force and effect of law; prohibiting deference to the agency's

interpretation by a state court or an administrative hearing officer hearing an administrative action";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

Conferees on part of Senate

Conferees on part of House