

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Pugh at 10:10 a.m. on February 7, 2000 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Emert (excused)
Senator Oleen (excused)

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor
Mike Heim, Research
Jerry Donaldson, Research
Mary Blair, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gregory Gardner, Kansas Adjutant General
Elwaine Pomeroy, Kansas Credit Attorney's Association and Kansas Collectors
Association, Inc. (KCAA)
Kyle Smith, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)

Others attending: see attached list

The minutes of the February 3rd regular meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Bond, seconded by Senator Goodwin. Carried.

SB 526—allocation of forfeited property

Conferee Gardner testified in support of **SB 526**, a bill which he stated would allow the Kansas National Guard (KNG), as a legal LEA for limited purposes of drug interdiction, a share in asset forfeiture monies for the purpose of supporting their counterdrug program. He presented a brief overview of the KNG's mission and counterdrug program along with statistics on asset intake and current account balance. (attachment 1) Discussion followed.

SB 504—concerning civil procedure for limited actions; relating to judgment and costs

Conferee Pomeroy testified in support of **SB 504**, a bill which he stated would amend K.S.A. 61-2309 by adding certain eviction action language. He further stated that a bill to rewrite Chapter 61 was introduced into the House this year and if passed it would negate the need for **SB 504**. (attachment 2)

SB 423—concerning courts; relating to laboratory analysis fees

Conferee Smith testified in support of **SB 423**, a bill which he stated would provide additional resources for the operation of the KBI, who has, along with other agencies, faced budget cuts this year. He discussed the bill stating that it will assess forensic laboratory fees against a criminal who is convicted, in part, through the use of forensic laboratory evidence. He stated that the statute has been expanded to include all DUI cases that have resulted in a conviction. He further stated that the statute sets out restrictions on how the money can be spent. (attachment 3)

On a call by the Acting Chair, Senator Vratil moved to pass SB 526 out favorably, Senator Harrington seconded. Carried. Senator Vratil moved to pass SB 504 out favorably and place it on the consent calendar, Senator Petty seconded. Carried. No action was taken on **SB 423** at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 8.