

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 9:00 am on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, in room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Barker – Excused

Representative Michael Houser – Excused

Committee staff present:

Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Connie Bahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Joanna Dolan, Legislative Research Department

Jordan Milholland, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kathy Ostrowski, Kansans for Life

Sheryl Crosier

Scott Crosier

Sean Crosier

Brenda Spurlock

Mike Burgess, Disability Rights Center

Steve Brunk, Family Policy Alliance

John Carney, Center for Practical Bioethics

Brian Carter, M.D., UMKC/CMH

Emily Riegel, M.D., Pediatric Palliative Care

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Vice-Chairperson Highland advised the Committee that Chairperson Barker had a funeral to attend so he would not be in the meeting today.

He announced that the first order of business was approval of the minutes of February 15, February 16, March 7, and March 8, 2017.

Representative Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of February 15, February 16, March 7, and March 8, 2017, seconded by Representative Whitmer. A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

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Bill introductions

Chairperson Highland opened the floor for requests for bill introductions. There were none so he closed the floor to requests for bill introductions.

Hearing on: HB2307 — Withholding life-sustaining treatment from patients under 18 years of age.

Chairperson Highland opened the hearing on **HB2307**. Jason Long, Revisor, provided an overview of the bill ([Attachment 1](#)). Questions were asked by Representatives Ruiz and Wilson.

Chairperson Highland stated that due to the number of conferees, each person would be allowed five minutes to testify and questions would be held until the end of all proponent testimony.

Chairperson Highland recognized Kathy Ostrowski of Kansans for Life testified as a proponent of **HB2307** ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 2A](#)).

Sheryl Crosier testified as a proponent ([Attachment 3](#)).

Chairperson Highland recognized Scott Crosier as a proponent of **HB2307** ([Attachment 4](#)).

Sean Crosier then provided proponent testimony on **HB2307** ([Attachment 5](#)).

Chairperson Highland called upon Brenda Spurlock who testified as a proponent of the bill ([Attachment 6](#)).

Mike Burgess, Disability Rights Center, testified as a proponent of **HB2307** ([Attachment 7](#)).

Steve Brunk, Family Policy Alliance, was recognized as a proponent of **HB2307** by Chairperson Highland ([Attachment 8](#)).

Chairperson Highland advised that there was written proponent testimony in their folders from Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D. ([Attachment 9](#)); Dr. Martin McCaffrey ([Attachment 10](#)); and Michael Schutloffel of the Kansas Catholic Conference ([Attachment 11](#)).

Chairperson Highland stated that questions could now be asked by the Committee of the proponents. He had questions for Kathy Ostrowski relating to **SB85**. No other questions were asked by the Committee of any of the proponents.

Chairperson Highland recognized John Carney, Center for Practical Bioethics, as an opponent to **HB2307** ([Attachment 12](#)).

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Chairperson Highland called upon Brian Carter, M.D., of Children's Mercy Hospital, to testify as an opponent of **HB2307** ([Attachment 13](#)).

Emily Riegel, M.D., Medical Director of Pediatric Palliative Care, testified as an opponent ([Attachment 14](#)).

The written opponent testimony of Kathy Davis, Ph.D. was provided to the Committee following the meeting ([Attachment 15](#)).

Chairperson Highland allowed questions of the opponents to **HB2307**. Questions were asked by Representative Whitmer to Mr. Carney and Representative Clayton to Dr. Carter and Dr. Riegel.

Chairperson Highland asked if there were any other questions of the opponents or other people who wanted to testify. Seeing none, the hearing on **HB2307** was closed.

Chairperson Highland asked if there were any other requests for bill introductions. Seeing none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.