



MEMBERS:  
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MAJORITY VICE CHAIR  
SENATOR NOFS  
SENATOR GREGORY,  
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**SENATOR JUDY EMMONS, CHAIR**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Families, Seniors, and Human Services Committee was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 3:10 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs, and Gregory

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Emmons announced the order of business:

- SB 226 Sen. Jansen - Children; protection; central repository pertaining to death of a child; create.
- SB 227 Sen. Gregory - Children; protection; notification to children's ombudsman regarding death of a child who is a ward of the state; require.
- SB 228 Sen. Emmons - Children; protection; access to documents referencing death of a child who was a ward of the state; allow.
- SB 229 Sen. Nofs - Children; protection; sharing of case-specific information related to child deaths while in state care; require.

Senator Rocca motioned to adopt the minutes of March 23, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Marc Jordon, Legislative Aide to Senator Jansen, gave verbal testimony explaining SB226, sponsored by Senator Jansen.

Senator Rocca motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, that the committee adopt the Substitute S-1 to SB226.

Yeas: Emmons, Rocca, Nofs, Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory, bill sponsor of SB227, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill.

Charlotte Smith representing the Office of Children's Ombudsman submitted a testimony card in support of SB227 but did not wish to speak.

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Senator Gregory motioned, supported by Senator Rocca, that the committee adopt the Substitute S-1 to SB227.

Yeas: Emmons, Rocca, Nofs, Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Dave Biswas, Legislative Aide to Senator Emmons, gave verbal testimony explaining SB228, sponsored by Senator Emmons.

Senator Nofs, bill sponsor of SB229, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, that the committee adopt the Substitute S-1 to SB229.

Yeas: Emmons, Rocca, Nofs, Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons introduced Judge Shoemaker from St. Joseph County who verbally indicated support of the bill package SB226, SB227, SB228, and SB229.

Karyn Ferrick and Stacie Bladen representing the Department of Human Services gave verbal and written testimony in support of the bill package SB226, SB227, SB228, and SB229

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: May 4, 2011

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)