

Minutes of
Judiciary and Criminal Justice Committee
Wednesday, February 15, 1989

Chairman, Terry M. Tranter, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 1989. A quorum was present at that time.

The first bill to be considered today was House Bill 16, legislation sponsored by Rep. Jackie O'Brien. This was the fourth hearing on House Bill 16 which would allow adult children to recover compensatory damages in wrongful death actions for loss of the society of the decedent and for mental anguish incurred by the adult children.

Mr. Robert A. Manning, representing the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys and Ohio Alliance for Civil Justice, testified first on this bill. He opposes this bill because he feels it is not just cleaning up an ambiguity. He suggested placing this bill in a subcommittee for further review.

Next to testify was Mr. Dean Fadel who also testified as an opponent of House Bill 16. Mr. Fadel, representing the Ohio Insurance Institute, feels that the cause of action already exists, and that adult children are recovering now.

The last person to testify on this bill today was Mr. Vaughn Jones, representing Nationwide Insurance Company. He testified as an interested party, because Nationwide already compensates adult children, so he feels there is no need to change the law. He would like to see the clarifications made more specific.

Questions were asked by the members of the committee and a brief discussion was held. This constituted the fourth hearing of House Bill 16.

The last bill to be considered today was House Bill 129, legislation sponsored by Rep. Terry M. Tranter. This was the second hearing on this bill which concerns grounds for divorce.

Since there was no one present to testify on this bill today, this constituted the second hearing.

With no further business at hand, the committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.


STEVEN G. WILLIAMS, Secretary


TERRY M. TRANTER, Chairman