The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Frank L. Gentry - Kansas Hospital Association

James D. Wallace - Independent Insurance Agents of Kansas

Tanna Balman - Kansas Managa Managa Association

Jerry Palmer - Kansas Trial Lawyers Association Frank A. Bien - League of Kansas Municipalities

Staff present:

Art Griggs - Revisor of Statutes Jerry Stephens - Legislative Research Department Wayne Morris - Legislative Research Department

Senate Bill 76 - Enacting the tort claims act. Mr. Frank Gentry testified that he was not appearing either as a proponent or an opponent, but wanted to raise the issues of whether or not the act should apply to all public hospitals, some public hospitals, or no public hospitals, and also how the bill would fit into the medical malpractice legislation passed several years ago. Committee discussion with him followed.

Mr. Jim Wallace testified that one problem area in the bill is on page 7, lines 253 to 255. Committee discussion with him followed.

Jerry Palmer testified in support of the bill, and stated he feels it is a good bill and a workable bill. He presented several suggestions which he feels would make it a better bill. Committee discussion with him followed.

Mr. Frank Bien testified; a copy of the material distributed by him is attached hereto. He discussed the various amendments he urged the committee to consider; committee discussion with him followed.

The chairman announced that there would be one further day devoted to hearings on this bill several weeks from now, at which time the fiscal study commissioned by the League of Municipalities will be presented, and a statement will be presented by the Kansas Bar Association, as well as any further testimony

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interested groups have to offer.

Senator Berman moved that the minutes of January 22 and 23 be approved; Senator Mulich seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

These minutes were read and approved by the committee on 2 - 12 - 19.

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