

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on March 6, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
JoAnn Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Gary Hayzlett
Chris Collins, Kansas Medical Society
Terri Roberts, Kansas State Nurses Association
Dr. Michael Moser, Director, Division of Health, KDHE

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on HB 2701 - School districts, persons authorized to sign employee certification of health

Representative Gary Hayzlett testified before the Committee in support of **HB 2701** which would allow Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants to sign a certificate of health for school district employees who come in contact with pupils. Representative Hayzlett provided the Committee with written testimony from Steven S. Reiner, Kearny County Hospital Administrator, in support of the bill. (Attachment 1)

Chris Collins, Kansas Medical Society, appeared before the Committee in support of **HB 2701** and noted that KMS supports the concept that ARNP's and PA's should be able to conduct health examinations and sign health certifications. However, Ms. Collins pointed out that such activities should not be done independently and outside of the framework of the physician-directed health care team. (Attachment 2) Terri Roberts, Kansas State Nurses Association, also expressed her support for the bill. (Attachment 3) Committee discussion related to language in the bill regarding communicable diseases of participating health care workers and religious objection to examination and compromise.

There were no opponents to **HB 2701**.

Action on HB 2701

Senator Salmans made a motion that the Committee recommend **HB 2701** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Hearing on HB 2756 - Commission on Epilepsy repealed

Michael Moser, MD, Director of the Division of Health, KDHE, testified before the Committee in support of **HB 2756** which would repeal a statute that created a 12-member Commission on Epilepsy within the Department of Health and Environment in 1990 by SB 371. Dr. Moser gave a background history of the Commission and the reason for repeal of the statute as noted in his written testimony. (Attachment 4) The Committee was provided a copy of K.S.A. 75-5655 that established the Commission on Epilepsy. (Attachment 5) It was pointed out during Committee discussion that this bill would not in any way jeopardize 1999 HCR 5014 that requested the establishment of a Kansas Interdisciplinary Institute for Epilepsy at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City under the direction of Dr. Ivan Osorio.

There were no opponents to **HB 2756**.

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Action on HB 2756

Senator Jones made a motion that the Committee recommend **HB 2756** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Becker. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2000.