

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 4:20 p.m. on April 27, 2000 at the Rail on the third floor of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
 JoAnn Buntten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Discussion and Action on Substitute for SB 554 - Health Care Data

The Chair called the Committee's attention to **Substitute for SB 554** which was ruled materially changed on March 24, 2000, and rereferred back to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee. The Chair then briefed the Committee on **Substitute for Substitute for SB 554** that included the provisions of **SB 397** which provides that licensed professional counselors who are not diagnosing and treating mental disorders do not have to be under the direction of a clinical level mental health professional. **Substitute for Substitute for SB 554** would also allow for the staggering renewal of licenses under the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.

Senator Langworthy made a motion the Committee recommend **Substitute for Substitute for SB 554** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Lee. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.