

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 February 15, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
JoAnn Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Pam Scott, Executive Director, Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Assn.
Mack Smith, Executive Secretary, Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts
Charles DeCarli, MD, Director, University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center
Cynthia Teel, PhD., RN, Director, Education and Information Transfer, University of
Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on: SB 556 - Who has right to disposition of a decedents remains

Pam Scott, Executive Director, Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, testified before the Committee in support of **SB 556** which would establish a chain of authority for deciding the disposition of the body of a deceased person. Ms. Scott also offered amendments which would clarify language in the bill pertaining to disposition of the body as shown in her written testimony and balloon of the bill. (Attachment 1)

Also testifying in support of the bill was Mack Smith, Executive Secretary, State Board of Mortuary Arts, who offered the same amendments as Ms. Scott's. (Attachment 2)

There were no opponents to **SB 556**.

Hearing on: SB 557 - Regulation and licensing of crematories

Mack Smith, Board of Mortuary Arts, testified in support of **SB 557** which would give authority to the Board of Mortuary Arts to regulate crematoriums which are currently not licensed or regulated in Kansas. Mr. Smith noted that they have met with the Kansas Funeral Directors Association and worked on the contents of the bill in an attempt to make the final product as fair and workable as possible. He offered proposed amendments to the bill as outlined in his written testimony. (Attachment 3)

Pam Scott, Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, expressed her support for the bill as well as offering proposed amendments shown in a balloon of the bill. (Attachment 4) During Committee discussion it was noted that the decedent's ashes can presently be scattered anywhere. Educational requirements and regulations for funeral directors and embalmers were also discussed.

There were no opponents to the bill.

Hearing on SCR - 1636 Support of Alzheimer's disease pilot project

Charles DeCarli, MD, Director, University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center, and Cynthia Teel, PhD. RN, Director, Education and Information Transfer, University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center, testified before the Committee in support of **SCR 1636**. The University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center has proposed the Kansas Memory Assessment Program, at a cost of \$21,035.00, and its goals are: (1) the support of access to dementia diagnosis and treatment services for rural families, and (2) support for the education of rural health care providers in the diagnosis and management of persons with dementia. Dr. DeCarli and Dr. Teel provided the Committee information about the program as outlined in their written material. (Attachment 5)

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, Room 526-S,
Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m. on February 15, 2000.

There were no opponents to **SCR 1636**.

Senator Salmans made a motion the Committee recommend **SCR 1636** be adopted, seconded by Senator Lee. The motion carried.

Adjournment

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

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2000.