

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 9, 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 Buntun, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

R. D. "Tuck" Duncan, representing the Kansas Occupational Therapy Association

Others attending: See attached list

**Hearing on HB 2757 - Addition or registered athletic trainers as health care providers for purposes of good Samaritan law**

The Chair noted that Jim Sperry, who represented the Kansas Athletic Trainers Society, had requested introduction of the bill in the House Health and Human Services Committee that would add registered athletic trainers to the definition of "health care provider" and amend a statute commonly referred to as the good Samaritan law. Mr. Sperry had recently been killed in an automobile accident. Therefore, Scott A. Winslow, Hays, chairperson of the legislative committee of the Kansas Athletic Trainers Society, expressed his support in writing for **HB 2757**. (Attachment 1) The bill would include registered athletic trainers, licensed respiratory therapists and registered occupational therapists as health care providers who would be granted relief from civil liability under certain circumstances when they provide care at the scene of an accident or emergency. Testifying before the Committee in support of the legislation was R. E. "Tuck" Duncan representing the Kansas Occupational Therapy Association. (Attachment 2)

There were no opponents to the bill.

**Action on HB 2757**

After Committee discussion, Senator Jones made a motion that since **HB 2757** was of a noncontroversial nature, the bill be placed on the consent calendar, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

**Introductions**

Senator Hardenburger introduced her husband, Bill, from Haddam, Kansas, and their son, Tom, and grandson, Ryan, from Mahwah, New Jersey who were guests at the meeting.

**Adjournment**

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

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2000.