

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:38 P.M. on March 8, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Sen. Barnett- excused

Late Arrival:

Sen. Journey 1:39

Sen. Brungardt 1:40

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Diana Lee, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Stanley Langhofer, Behalf of Kansas Dialysis Services

Others attending:

See attached list.

**Hearing On HB 2678—concerning renal dialysis facility pharmacies**

Upon request of Chairman Barnett, Vice Chair V. Schmidt called the meeting to order, asking Norm Furse to read and give explanation of the language in **HB 2678**. The Vice Chair announced the first order of business to open the hearing on **HB 2678**.

The Vice Chair called upon proponent conferee, Stanley Langhofer, nursing administrator of Kansas Dialysis Services stated statistics on treatments for End Stage Renal Disease Patients in outpatient renal dialysis facilities, Medicare coverage, and economics preventing any new openings of a dialysis facility. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Vice Chair asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Brungardt, V. Schmidt, and Emalene Correll regarding rules and regulations, past problems with legislation, prescriptions, individual offices, prescriptions in dialysis handed out with no pharmacy, and adding different categories and licensure.

With no further discussion or conferees, Vice Chair V. Schmidt closed the hearing on **HB 2678**.

The motion was made by Senator Haley to move the bill out favorably on the consent calendar. It was seconded by Senator Brungardt and the motion carried.

The Vice Chair announced that the final item on the agenda was for the Minutes to be approved for Public Health and Welfare Committee on March 1, 2006, and March 2, 2006.

The motion was made by Senator Jordan to approve the Minutes for March 1, 2006, and March 2, 2006. It was seconded by Senator Palmer and the motion carried.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 9, 2006.