

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 5, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Harrington
Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Committee staff present: Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Mary Best, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mrs. Connie Hubbell, Secretary of Aging,
Department of Aging

Others attending: See attached guest list.

Introduction of bills

With the call to order, the Chairperson announced the meeting scheduled for January 31, 2001, had been moved to today because of inclement weather. She then recognized Senator Larry Salmans. Senator Salmans made the motion to introduce a bill relating to K.S.A. 65-29 - Physical Therapy. The motion was seconded by Senator Sandy Praeger. The vote was taken and the motion was accepted. A copy of the proposed bill is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Chairperson Wagle then said that Senator Tyson was asking that a bill be introduced addressing "employment after retirement; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-4914 and repealing the existing section". Because of the shortage of nurses, this bill would basically allow the hospitals to hire nurses after they have retired. Senator Salmans made a motion to introduce the bill (Irs 1941). The motion was seconded by Senator Jim Barnett. The vote was taken and the motion passed. A copy of the proposed bill is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated in the Minutes by reference.

Chairperson Wagle made the presentation on the final bill proposal addressing naturopaths and licensing. Senator Salmans made the motion to accept the proposed bill and Senator Haley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was accepted. There was no written material for the bill.

Overview of the Department of Aging

With no further bills to be presented, Chairperson Wagle introduced Mrs. Connie Hubbell, Secretary of Aging, for the Kansas Department of Aging.

Mrs. Hubbell offered an overview on the Kansas Department of Aging (KDOA). A written copy of the overview is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Mrs. Hubbell shared information on the history of KDOA, major programs the department oversees, the Senior Care Act and what their goals are for this program, monies given to Senator Hensley and his program, and a quick overview of critical issues and future challenges.

Concluding her presentation, Mrs. Hubbell stood for questions from the Committee. Questions were presented by Senators Praeger, Harrington, Salmans, and Chairperson Wagle.

Adjournment

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned. Adjournment time was at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2002.

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