

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 January 21, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Chris Steineger

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached guest list

Handouts

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Susan Wagle stated that she and Senator Barnett had visited and have come to this session with strong concerns about the cost of health care escalating. She announced to the Committee that they would be presenting some educational meetings over the next couple of weeks covering some of the many facets of health care and the escalating cost of services. She then referred them to the Kansas Health Institute 2003 Calendar for Kansas Health Policy Forums and Health Policy Brownbag Lunches. A copy of the calendar is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference

A discussion ensued between Senators Wagle, Barnett, and Jordan and Ms. Correll ranging from:

- 1) Pennsylvania being able to address some reform issues through insurance regulation;
- 2) looking at what our reform has done in the state over the last 10 years, what costs were before and after, and basically looks at what might be possible in this state to allow small businesses across the state to pool efforts and to try to get an arm around how we can control some of these costs;
- 3) the VA's presentation to the Ways and Means Committee, on the pharmaceutical program they have implemented;
- 4) Governor Sebelius' plan to visit with surrounding states regarding the multi state purchasing plans; and
- 5) research the need for legislation. (Emalene has a member on health insurance reform. Senator Wagle asked for a copy of what is available.)

Hearing on consideration of reappointment

The Chair announced the next order of business was the consideration of Governor Graves' reappointment of Mr. Stuart C. Lang, Ms. Patricia A. Gaunce, and Mr. John B. Payne as Members, for the University of Kansas Hospital Authority. Copies of their Senate Confirmation Information Summaries are (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. She asked that the Committee take a few minutes to look over the summaries, then asked for comments or questions.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE at on January 21, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Page 2

Senators Wagle, Barnett, Haley, and Harrington, Ms. Emalene Correll from Research and Mr. Bill Sneed, representing Kansas Hospital Authority, discussed comments and questions ranging from clarification on Ms. Gaunce's summary, the procedures of reappointment, to these appointments being new to these people (they are already serving a 1-year term, and this appointment would be effective until 2006).

As there was no further discussion, Senator Jordan stated that while serving on the Confirmation Oversight Committee, he had the opportunity to meet with all three and commented on how Mr. Paine's experience in life science research is significant. Senator Jordan then made a motion to support the reappointment on the floor. Senator Haley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Adjournment

The Chair asked for bill introductions. As there was none and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 1:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2003.