

P A R L I A M E N T A R Y
M I N U T E S

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AND REHABILITATIVE INSTITUTIONS

November 20, 1975

Members Present

Representative Roy Ehrlich, Chairman
Senator Cale Hudson
Senator Robert Madden
Representative James Cubit
Representative Jim Lawing
Representative Ray Zajic
Representative Billie Joe Wisdom
Representative Kenneth Francisco

Staff Present

John Schott, Legislative Research Department
Ramon Powers, Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes' Office

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roy Ehrlich at 10:00 a.m. At that time the Chairman requested a motion regarding the minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written. The motion carried.

The Committee then turned its attention to the reports on Proposals No. 47, 48 and 64. Since the report on Proposal No. 48 had been discussed at the previous meeting it was the first report to be considered by the Committee. It was moved and seconded that the report on Proposal No. 48 be approved as written. Following limited discussion, the motion carried.

The Committee then turned its attention to the report on Proposal No. 47. There was considerable Committee discussion concerning that portion of the report which dealt with potential communication problems between patients and foreign-born physicians. It was the decision of the Committee that that section be taken out of the portion of the report dealing with Parsons State Hospital and Training Center and made a separate portion of the report.

The Committee also agreed to insert a provision in that section which indicates that the goal of the State of Kansas should be to have fully licensed physicians in social and rehabilitation institutions in the state.

With these changes, it was moved and seconded that the Committee report on Proposal No. 47 be adopted. The motion carried.

The Committee then turned its attention to Proposal No. 64, relative to adult care homes in Kansas. The primary problem dealt with by the Committee concerned the training of adult care home aides. It was moved by Representative Lawing that the report be amended to reflect the position of the Committee that in-house adult care home aide training is inadequate and that a 40-hour training program prior to employment be required for adult care home aides. Following a second there was discussion concerning this matter and, as a result, Representative Francisco made a substitute motion which provided that an adult care home aide would be required to receive 40 hours of instruction outside the adult care home and 80 hours on-the-job training in the adult care home. The amendment also required that all adult care home aides would need to be certified by January 1, 1978.

Following extensive discussion and consideration of both the original and substitute motion, the question was called for on a substitute motion. The motion lost on a three aye - four no vote. The Committee then turned its attention to the original motion. Following Committee vote, the motion was lost on a four to four tie vote. Representative Wisdom then made a motion that a 40 hour classroom program in the adult care home be required, followed by an 80 hour on-the-job training program after which such person would be certified as an adult care home aide. After discussion relative to this proposal, a substitute motion was made by Senator Madden which would insert in the report that a systematic program for the training of aides include classroom and on-the-job training. Following a second, the substitute motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the report on Proposal No. 64, as amended, be accepted. The motion carried.

The Committee then turned its attention to legislation relative to Proposal No. 64. (See attachments 1 and 2.)

Following discussion on proposed bill No. 1, it was moved and seconded that this bill be recommended favorable for passage. Motion carried. The Committee recommended that this bill be introduced in the House.

The Committee then began discussing the second bill relating to fines for nursing homes which do not meet standards as promulgated in the rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Environment. During the course of the deliberations several policy decisions concerning the fines and the authority of the Secretary of Health and Environment relative to the issuance of orders were discussed.

Following extensive deliberations, it was moved and seconded that the second bill relating to the fining of nursing homes, as amended, be recommended favorable for passage. The motion carried. The Committee recommended that this bill be introduced in the House.

The minority members of the Committee requested staff to read the following:

As minority members of the Special Committee on Social and Rehabilitation Institutions we wish to express our thanks for a job well done to Representative Roy Ehrlich who presided over our deliberations, and we direct that this commendation of our colleague be printed in the House Journal of January 12, 1976 so that our admiration of his work can be broadcast to both the majority and minority parties and so known to them in order to serve as a beacon of diligence and fairness to be emulated by others who chair legislative committees. (signed) Representative Billy Joe Wisdom, Representative Ken Francisco, Representative Jim Lawing, Senator Robert B. Madden.

It was moved and seconded that the above be included in the House Journal of January 12, 1976. The motion carried.

The staff was then requested to read the following:

Special Committee on Social and Rehabilitative Institutions expressed its gratitude to John Schott, Norman Furse, Ramon Powers and Jim Hayes for the skillful guidance and generous application of their talents to our mutual profit and enlightenment during the many days we toured, debated and shared our thoughts on the subjects assigned to us by our peers in the Kansas Senate and the House of Representatives.

Following general discussion, the Committee thanked the staff and members of the Committee for their work during the interim.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared by John Schott

Approved by Committee on:

1-10-76

Date