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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Marvin Littlejohn at _____
Chairperson

1:30 ~~p.m.~~ on February 14, 1984 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Research
Bill Wolff, Research
Sue Hill, Secy. to Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Elizabeth Taylor, Ks. Association for Education Of Young Children
Sister Anna Totta, St. Mary College, pre-school instructor.
Dr. Joseph Hollowell, Dept. of H. & E.
Mack Smith, St. Board of Embalming.
Jim Snyder, Ks. Funeral Directors Association.

Visitor's register, (Attachment No. 1.)

Chairman called meeting to order, noting to committee that HB 2864 scheduled this date for hearings will be deferred until such time as the conferees that Rep. Jarow wishes to schedule can be here for testimony. (Probably next week.)

HCR 5063 was briefed by researcher Bill Wolff. He then answered questions from committee in regard to this bill, i.e., yes, there are some safety checks, but since private schools are not governed by statutes, they are not then therefore subject to strong fire and safety regulations as are public schools; etc.

HCR 5063 hearings began.

Elizabeth Taylor, Ks. Assoc. for Education of Young Children spoke in opposition to exempting any sector of pre-schools for quite some time and is here today to oppose HCR 5063. She said that proposed legislation to exempt all private pre-schools how-ever they were to operate, i.e., in churches, private schools for profit, non-profit, or whatever, and that the bill did not get out of committee when heard at an earlier session. She then quoted from the public hearing officer's report from the Administrative Hearings on proposed regulations in November, 1983, i.e., concerns that, no guidelines to follow, fire-safety code concerns; exemption not in the best interest of the children, etc. She read from guidelines of Department of Health and Environment for pre-schools and said they feel these guidelines are far from adequate.

Sister Anna Totta then spoke in support of HCR 5063. She feels that educators do not have infused knowledge about how to take care of younger children. It is feared that if we remove our regulations for the State Department of Health and Environment, the schools won't take over proper responsibility of running appropriate pre-school programs. Feared some problems would be, i.e. pupil/teacher ratio will run 25-30, as in the other grades and this just is not an intelligent way to care for the pre-school age child. Has concerns with physical punishment of the very young child in school situations. Further stated she had seen statistics that when the state doesn't require registered schools, it is those schools who have more abuse. You people would not think of letting your child eat in a restaurant that wasn't licensed, and you also would not let your child ride in a car with an unlicensed driver.... Questions were then answered by Sister Anna Totta.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 423-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 a/m/p.m. on February 14, 1984

Dr. Hollowell was asked by Chairman if he had any testimony on HCR 5063, and he stated he did not have any prepared testimony.

Hearings closed on HCR 5063.

HCR 5069 was briefed by Bill Wolff, and answered questions from committee, i.e., if a Kansas resident used facilities in a neighboring state, how is this governed by this resolution? It covers only Kansas facilities was the reply.

HCR 5069 hearings began:

Chairman had committee note a letter from Rep. Ginger Barr, in regard to her being unable to appear before this committee today, but her letter, (See Attachment No. 2.), for details, explained her support of this amendment by Rules and Regulations Committee in HCR 5069.

Mack Smith, with the Kansas Board of Embalming spoke to his support of HCR 5069. Their Board feels a good position to take is better safe than sorry, and commented the bill primarily was drawn to protect the consumer.

Rep. Niles spoke to concerns that funeral directors in her area have with HCR 5069, in that greater problems may occur in the future with the handling of these accounts. Perhaps banks will reach the point when they no longer choose to handle the reporting that is necessary, and may wish to send them to a central holding area for computer in-put.

Mr. Jim Snyder, Ks. Board of Embalming then spoke to HCR 5069 and answered some of these concerns brought to light by Rep. Niles. Said, when an account is set up (or contract actually), the record keeping, or account information can be very simplistic. When, where, and how much was the initial amount of money spent. Then, if there happens to be a complaint, the Board of Embalming can go to these records, and determine the information and get the questions resolved. Some few questions were fielded and answered at this point.

Hearings closed on HCR 5069.

Chairman noted to committee, we will not be taking action on HB 2763, since the Speaker of the House will withdraw it from our committee tomorrow, and assign it to the Labor and Industry committee.

Meeting adjourned 2:10 p.m. Next meeting will convene February 20th, 1984.

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February 14, 1984

The Hon. Marvin Littlejohn
Chairman, Public Health and Welfare RE: HCR 5069

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Due to an important Federal and State Committee hearing, I am unable to appear before you today in regards to HCR 5069. However, do to my knowledge of the cemetery-funeral industry, I have followed this particular rule and regulation since its conception.

I have been and continue to be a proponent in support of the amendment by the Rules and Regulations Committee, and would urge that there are no amendments that would alter the following:

line 51 upon written
line 52 complaint, the state board

Respectfully submitted,


Ginger Barr
Representative, 51st District

GB:ck

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