

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jan Meyers at  
Chairperson

on Noon - February 29, 1984 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Bogina and Senator Roitz

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office

Conferees appearing before the committee: None - Others present: see attached list

Senator Meyers asked for discussion and action on SB 754, 755, 678, 769, and 466.

SB 769 - Abuse and neglect of aged and disabled persons

Sylvia Hougland, Department on Aging, agreed to delete the word "mental" in line 44, and "mental or emotional" in Line 47, and Dr. Robert Harder had requested that the last word in Line 57 through Line 61 be deleted.

Senator Francisco moved that the changes concerning mental and emotional abuse be made. Senator Hayden seconded the motion and it carried.

Senator Ehrlich moved that the amendments proposed by Keith Landis, Christian Science Committee on Publication for Kansas, be adopted. Senator Hayden seconded the motion and it carried.

Senator Hayden moved that the last word in Line 57 through Line 61 be deleted. Senator Ehrlich seconded the motion and it carried.

Senator Ehrlich moved that SB 769 be reported favorably, as amended. Senator Francisco seconded the motion.

Senator Francisco offered a substitute motion that it go into effect upon publication in the Kansas Register. Senator Ehrlich seconded the motion and it carried.

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SB 678 - Increase in marriage license fee to fund domestic abuse programs

Senator Johnston moved that SB 678 be reported favorably. Senator Hayden seconded the motion. The motion failed.

SB 754 - Vending facilities, operation by blind persons and vending facilities

Senator Johnston moved that SB 754 be reported favorably. Senator Morris seconded the motion.

Senator Morris made a substitute motion that the word "advisory" be put back in. Senator Johnston seconded the motion.

It was suggested instead that entire Section 2 be deleted because it is no longer necessary. Senator Morris so moved. The motion was seconded by Senator Johnston and carried.

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room 526-S, Statehouse, at \_\_\_\_\_ on Noon, February 29, 1984

Senator Johnston renewed his original motion to report SB 754 favorably, as amended. Senator Morris seconded the motion and it carried.

There was some discussion as to whether this bill would prohibit employees from having microwave ovens or their own coffee pots at the office.

SB 466 - Hospital Cost Containment Act; establishing Kansas Hospital Commission

Senator Ehrlich moved that SB 466 be reported adversely. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion and it carried.

SB 488 - relating to guardianships

Senator Ehrlich suggested that we take action on this tomorrow.

SB 755 - Food service establishments operated by persons licensed by division of services for blind

Senator Vidricksen moved that SB 755 be reported adversely. Senator Gordon seconded the motion and it carried. Senator Chaney voted "nay".

SB 781 - Insurance for alcoholism, drug abuse or nervous or mental conditions

Senator Morris asked why we had this bill since the House had tabled a similar bill. Senator Meyers said this bill had several changes from the House bill. There was discussion concerning group policy holders being assessed for programs they didn't want, and of escalating costs. Senator Chaney supported this concept saying that most hospitals are putting in alcohol treatment centers, and that it is an illness as much as other illnesses that are covered now.

Senator Vidricksen opposed the concept and suggested that the state should cut out some of the programs we now have supporting alcohol and drug abuse and mental illness, if we mandate insurance coverage.

Senator Ehrlich moved that the Chairman request an interim committee to study this further, focusing principally on the question "Do costs escalate as we mandate programs of health insurance, or do they decrease because of early intervention and treatment". Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE noon 2-29-84

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