

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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

10 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 5, 1984 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Bogina, excused, and Senator Chaney

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Wint Winter

Others present: see attached list

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

Senator Wint Winter requested to speak to the committee on SB 678, which would increase marriage license fees by eight dollars, and the money would go to programs for domestic violence services. Senator Winter said that he did not believe that United Way money would be displaced by doing this and there was a tremendous need for this bill. He distributed a letter in support of SB 678 from Jerry L. Harper, District Attorney for Douglas County, stating that emergency shelter for battered spouses is of critical importance, and because it is related to the institution of marriage, it is appropriate to fund it by increasing the marriage license fee. Mr. Harper also suggested providing some sort of local matching fund requirement. (Attachment #1).

Senator Johnston moved that SB 678 be reported favorably. Senator Ehrlich seconded the motion and it carried.

SB 807 - Grounds for denial, revocation or suspension of license to practice

Senator Ehrlich moved that SB 807 be reported favorably. Senator Hayden seconded the motion.

Senator Ehrlich made a substitute motion that SB 807 be amended by substituting the words "territory of the United States" wherever the word "territory" is used in the bill. Senator Hayden seconded the motion and it carried.

Senator Ehrlich renewed his original motion that SB 807 be reported favorably, as amended. Senator Hayden seconded the motion and it carried.

SB 806 - Scope of practice and requirements for licensure of dental hygienists

There was discussion as to where hygienists would be able to operate and what training they are required to have. Senator Morris stated that he had received a lot of correspondence, both pro and con.

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Senator Morris moved that SB 806 be referred to an interim committee for further study. Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion.

Senator Hayden made a substitute motion to conceptually amend SB 806 and delete all sections which relate to anesthesia. Senator Johnston seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Senator Francisco made a substitute motion that SB 806 be reported favorably. The motion died for lack of a second.

Senator Morris renewed his original motion that SB 806 be referred to an interim committee for further study.

Senator Ehrlich made a substitute motion to table SB 806. The motion died for lack of a second.

Senator Morris again renewed his original motion that SB 806 be referred to an interim committee for further study. The motion failed.

SB 541 - Hospital cost containment act

There was discussion concerning hospital costs and DRGs effect on hospital rates. In response to a question, a representative of Blue Cross-Blue Shield stated that 80% of billing was covered by the prospective payment plans of Medicare, Medicaid, and Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Senator Francisco felt that this bill would be an initial step toward cost containment.

Senator Vidricksen moved that SB 541 be reported unfavorably. Senator Ehrlich seconded the motion and it carried. Senator Francisco voted "nay".

SB 488 - Limitations on powers of guardians

Senator Meyers pointed out that this bill refers to court appointed guardians, and not natural guardians. Senator Johnston explained that this amendment was offered to effectively extend the same rights we have under the Kansas Natural Death Act, and since then there have been allegations which are out of context.

There was discussion concerning the number of calls the Senators had received on this and just what the people want.

Senator Ehrlich moved that SB 488 be reported unfavorably. Senator Francisco seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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The Honorable Bert Chaney
Kansas Senate
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Dear Senator Chaney:

I am writing you to urge passage of S.B. 678 or similiar legislation regarding the need for funds to provide emergency shelter for battered spouses. It was not until I became District Attorney that I came to realize the critical importance of this type of assistance.

The crime is a very difficult one to prosecute. But helping the victim is something that can almost always be done if the resources are available.

My community has been very fortunate to have a shelter house available. Other parts of the state desperately need these facilities.

Because this social problem is uniquely related to the institution of marriage, it is very appropriate to fund it by increasing the marriage license fee. The cost in human suffering that these funds will prevent is truly great.

In order to make certain that these new funds are not merely used to replace existing funds, it might be appropriate to provide some sort of local matching fund requirement. The important thing is for the funding to be available throughout the state. I urge you to pass this type of legislation and would be happy to discuss it with you.

Sincerely,



Jerry L. Harper
District Attorney

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