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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Marvin L. Littlejohn at
Chairperson

1:30 a.m./p.m. on January 17, 1985 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Ben Foster, excused

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Research
Bill Wolff, Research
Norm Furse, Revisor
Sue Hill, Secretary to Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Melissa Hungerford, Kansas Hospital Association

See Visitors register, (Attachment No. 1.)

Chairman called meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and introduced Ms. Hungerford, of the Kansas Hospital Association.

Ms. Hungerford gave an overhead slide presentation to committee on the Study done on First District Hospitals. She explained the final data was not available since it was to be presented at an area meeting last week in Salina, and this did not occur because of inclement weather. The final data report is now scheduled to be given at a luncheon meeting on January 24th, Ramada Inn, downtown Topeka. She invited committee members to attend this meeting.

Ms. Hungerford gave a very comprehensive report, touching on many aspects that were studied. This study began a year ago. There were interviews, site visits, telephone data conversations, and then a theoretical hospital site was set up as an example. This was called the BIG FIRST HOSPITAL, in her presentation.

She stated staffing patterns continue to change. Many smaller hospitals have already cut back as much as they can, so their staff numbers have not and won't change much at all.--Inpatients are older, yet average length of stay in the hospital is shorter.--Sophisticated equipment in mobile units is becoming prevalent in rural areas.--New payment systems have caused some hospitals to begin to use their cash reserves. 40% are using reserves, and some hospitals reserves are already gone.--Physician distribution in rural areas is of prime concern. Also a main concern of most hospitals is to "Just keep their doors open".

Ms. Hungerford then answered questions from committee.

Chairman thanked Ms. Hungerford for her report, then had committee note the agenda for next weeks indicates we will have people in to request Bills.

Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 22, 1985, at 1:30 p.m.

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