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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 a.m./p.m. on March 18, 1985 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Elaine Hassler, excused.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman called meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and recognized Rep. Friedeman who introduced a young girl scout from Great Bend Kansas who is accompanying Rep. Freideman today to his committee meetings, and observing the Legislative process. Rep. Branson then introduced a girl scout from Wichita who was also visiting our committee meeting this date. The girls are Deana Barbee, and Carrie Leff respectively.

Chair noted there are bill briefings to be given this date on SB 81, SB 89, SB 91, SB 92.

Briefings began: SB 81--

Norman Furse explained SB 81, giving a definition of defibrillation as when a muscle, (heart muscle in particular in this bill), is pulsing, but not in a rhythmic manner, and the defibrillation puts this beat back into a mode where it is pulsing rhythmically and pumping blood again. SB 81 would allow Emergency Medical Services Council to establish demonstration programs in which qualified personnel of selected ambulance services would be authorized to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation and (manual) cardiac defibrillation in a pulseless, nonbreathing patient. He noted a key phrase is, defibrillation provided manually. The application for certificate of authority by an ambulance service shall be accepted only from properly licensed ambulance services, there is a limit of 12 to be given this authority under SB 81. Emergency Medical services Council shall submit a report to the Governor and Legislature on or before December 31, 1985, and this report shall contain a review and evaluation of this demonstration program. Qualified personnel having been granted certificate of authority shall not be held liable for civil damages, unless damages result from gross negligence or willful or wanton acts or omissions, and the same holds true for a medical advisor. The provisions of this act shall expire July 1, 1986. There were but a few questions asked.

SB 89--

Emalene Correll explained SB 89, saying it creates eight new statutes that concern abuse or neglect of those adults who are not residents of state or federal medical care facilities. She noted definitions of "abuse", and "neglect". The language in this bill keys everything to a person's physical health. Lines 54 through 59 speak to; no person shall be considered to be abused, neglected, exploited, or in need of protective services for the sole reason such person relies upon prayer alone for treatment. The Secretary of SRS shall within 48 hours of receiving reports of abuse, neglect, exploitation, initiate an investigation including a personal visit with the adult. A register shall be available for inspection by personnel of SRS, but said register is not deemed public record. She continued a section by section explanation, then answered few questions from committee.

SB 91--

This legislation would give authority to the Secretary of SRS to distribute photograph identification cards for recipients of cash assistance, food stamps, or both, under K.S.A. 39-708c. The issuance of these photo cards will be done statewide. There were few questions on this bill.

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room 423-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~4:44~~/p.m. on March 18, 1985

Briefings continued:

SB 92--

Norman Furse stated SB 92 will amend present statutes to increase the size of the Advisory Commission on Mental Health and Retardation Services by the addition of one member of the staff of the Secretary of Corrections. This increases the size of the Commission to 13 members. Lines 26 through 39 list the other 12 members on this Commission. There were some language changes necessary that were explained as well.

Chair noted there will be a comprehensive background on CREDENTIALING given by staff at committee meeting tomorrow. He noted that many therapy groups will be covered in the Interim Study this summer, so it is felt that (all) members of this committee be given this important background information.

Rep. Friedeman moved the minutes of March 7, 1985, be approved as written, motion seconded by Rep. Cribbs, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.