

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Senator Roy M. Ehrlich at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m. ~~pm~~ on January 25, 1955 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Don Wilson, Kansas Hospital Association
Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society
Richard Friedeman
Carl Ossman
Nadine Burch
Richard Charlton

Others Attending: See Attached List

Don Wilson, Kansas Hospital Association, testified opposing SB 18 and distributed testimony setting out 4 areas of opposition: (1) The current law does not cover all providers which places hospitals at a disadvantage in the current environment; (2) The change from cost-based reimbursement to prospective payment makes decisions to provide new services, equipment or construction dependent on the ability of the action to pay for itself; (3) The process is burdensome and costly; (4) Certificate of Need does not address the issue of quality which, as new freestanding services and new methods of delivery are developed, will be important to safeguard the public welfare. In place of Certificate Of Need a two year moratorium and licensure requirements for free standing facilities would be needed.

Don Wilson, Kansas Hospital Association, in deference to his time schedule, testified concerning SB 17, suggesting use of studies his organization have recently made and expressing concern about the time element.

Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, testified opposing SB 18 and distributed testimony favoring repeal of the Certificate of Need law stating the opinion that Certificate Of Need has failed to improve the nation's health care system or control health care costs. Rather than expansion, planning for problems associated with access to high quality care and technology should be of primary concern.

Richard Friedeman, attorney from Great Bend, testified in opposition to SB 18 and stated that the criteria for granting Certificate Of Need does not include cutting the cost of medical care and has stopped competition.

Carl Ossman testified opposing SB 18 and distributed written testimony encouraging the repeal of Certificate of Need Act and in its place establish regulations governing the standards for construction of medical facilities, use of medical equipment, sanitation and care of facilities.

Nadine Burch, an elderly consumer who was not available during proponent testimony, testified in favor of Senate Bill 18 stating the consumer needs a method of input into the health system.

Richard Charlton, associated with Kansas Rehabilitation Association testified for Senate Bill 17 expressing concern that medical economy could lead to the loss of hospitals which directly affects the loss of doctors.

The meeting adjourned. Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Madine Burch	KCOE
KEITH R LANDIS	CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION FOR KANSAS
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PAT SCHAFER	DIVISION OF BUDGET
JACK GUMB	SRS -
John Schneider	SRS
Douglas Parks MD	KAFR Doctor for a day
AROLD RIENM	KADM
Tom Bell	KS. HOSP. ASSN.
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Jim Klausman	KHCA
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Gary Robbins	KS Optometric Assn
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