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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFAREThe meeting was called to order by Senator Roy M. Ehrlich at
Chairperson10:00 a.m. ~~noon~~ on February 20, 1985 in room 526-S of the Capitol.All members were present ~~except~~

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary Robert Harder, SRS
Secretary Barbara Sabol, Department of Health and Environment
Dick Brock, Insurance Department

Others Attending: See attached list

SB-91 requested by Secretary Harder was addressed by the committee. Senator Morris made the motion to change line 17 "may" to "shall". Senator Vidricksen seconded the motion and it carried.Senator Hayden made the motion to change line 19 "may" to "shall". Senator Anderson seconded the motion and it carried.Senator Hayden moved to insert on line 18 after "receiving", "cash" and after "assistance", "and food stamps" and needed changes under the guidelines of staff. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerr and the motion carried.Senator Anderson moved that the committee pass SB-91 favorably as amended. Senator Hayden seconded the motion and the motion carried. The bill was passed out.SB-92 and amendments by Secretary Harder and John Peterson, Kansas Association of Professional Psychologists were discussed. Senator Francisco made the motion to accept the amendment by John Peterson. Senator Anderson seconded the motion. The chair was in doubt. A hand vote showed the motion lost 3 to 4.Senator Morris moved that SB-92 be reported favorably and Senator Kerr seconded the motion. Senator Francisco moved to strike "governor's" on line 7 and change "director" on line 54 to "commissioner" as a substitute motion. Senator Morris seconded the motion and it carried. The original motion carried.SB-113 was passed over on request by Senator Salisbury until such a time as she arrived in committee.Senator Francisco asked the committee to pass over SB-121 as he was working on amendments.Senator Morris moved that SB-125 be reported adversely. Senator Walker seconded the motion. Senator Anderson made a substitute motion that the bill be tabled. The motion was lost with no second.Senator Reilly made a substitute motion to add insurance and Senator Francisco seconded the motion. The substitute motion failed.Senator Francisco made a substitute motion requesting the chairman of the committee to appoint a subcommittee to study the issue. Senator Reilly seconded the motion and the substitute motion passed. A committee will be appointed to study SB-125.

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room 526-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 20, 1985

Senator Walker moved that SB-130 be passed over until Secretary Harder received the opinion from the Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Senator Anderson and the motion carried.

Norman Furse reported on a request from the city of Wichita in regard to the possibility of amending the statutes concerning the school nurse situation. It would appear the present law covers the situation but Senator Morris has requested an opinion from the Attorney General and at this time Mr. Furse is not preparing a bill. Senator Morris stated that if the opinion is adverse the bill most likely would go to the Judiciary Committee.

Chairman Ehrlich appointed Senator Walker, Senator Francisco and Senator Kerr to serve on the subcommittee for SB-125 with Senator Walker serving as chairman.

Amendments to SB-113 were addressed. Due to the number of amendments Secretary Sabol will present the ballooned bill for study tomorrow. Additional copies of James P. Barnett's suggestions will also be available.

The Chairman, in response to a question by a committee member, confirmed the committee would be meeting on Monday and Tuesday.

Senator Salisbury requested permission to question Dick Brock from the Insurance Department. She asked 1) as to whether or not the insurance department was aware of cases that are questionable whether there should be civil liberties suites when insurance coverage is not granted; 2) has the insurance department ever requested any insurance carrier to develop a voluntary pool for uninsurable people and 3) how the insurance department feels about SB-121.

Mr. Brock replied 1) that the department had tried to address the problems correctly whether or not it was thought there had been violations of civil liberties, 2) the department had on three other occasions proposed legislation for an involuntary market for health insurance and not been successful. He stated that one carrier agreed to work on the program but soon decided they did not want to go any further due to concern of future problems. 3) Mr. Brock further stated the department preferred HB 2167 over SB-121 due to flexibility as the program goes along.

Senator Francisco stated he would like to have the insurance commissioner appear.

Bill Wolff stated the basic difference is not the mechanism. SB-121 sets out what will be offered and what will not be offered. HB-2167 creates a board of governors that operates the pool risk and this board would decide what will be offered and not be offered.

Senator Francisco was asked if he would be ready to move SB-121 tomorrow and he replied it would depend when the amendments would be worked out. The chairman also announced the committee would work SB-113 tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned.

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