

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. ~~p.m.~~ on March 25, 1985 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Attending: See attached list

The minutes for March 11, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1985 were presented for review.

HB-2186 - relating to mental health clinics

Emalene Correll briefed the committee on HB-2186. This bill would affect only a few areas. It would create a joint mental health clinic in the same manner as a joint health board between cities and counties. Such boards could contract with a non-profit organization to provide mental health services.

HB-2304 - licensure of nursing care homes for the mentally retarded

Emalene Correll reviewed HB-2304. This bill would allow a nonprofit corporation operating an intermediate nursing home for mentally retarded which includes more than one residential building located on one site to apply for a license to operate a new intermediate home which includes more than one residential building located on one sight or on contiguous sites and to apply for one license for each residential building, total resident population not to exceed 75 at any one site or contiguous sites.

HB-2338 - relating to granting temporary permits and to licensure by examination; providing standards of approval of school of medicine

Emalene Correll reviewed HB-2338. This bill would amend several statutes that make up the Kansas Healing Arts Act. It would change requirements that must be met by persons who apply for a temporary permit to practice healing arts while said persons are engaged in full time approved post graduate training programs. It would also require applicants who are graduates of a foreign medical school to pass an exam for foreign medical graduates. It would establish criteria for schools of medicine to meet and this criteria would be substantially equivalent to the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

HB-2436 - providing for designation of receivers relating to adult care homes

Emalene Correll briefed the committee on HB-2436. This bill would allow the Secretary of Health & Environment to adopt rules and regulations that set forth the qualifications of persons who can be designated as receivers and a method of selecting designees to serve as receivers.

HB-2438 - relating to maternity hospitals and homes and homes for children, requiring certain information to be confidential

Emalene Correll briefed the committee on HB-2438. This bill would make information received by the Secretary of Health and Environment in connection with licensing and regulation of such facilities closed, and not subject to public disclosure. It would also allow a hearings officer to close a hearing concerning maternity homes or child care facilities if an open hearing would permit disclosure of matters relating to individuals that are restricted by other laws.

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.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE,
room 526-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m./p.m. on March 25, 1985

HB-2467 - relating to hospitals; concerning monies received thereby

Emalene Correll reviewed HB-2467. This bill would amend one statute concerning county hospitals and one statute concerning district hospital operations. Statutes currently limit the use of unrestricted grants, donations, bequests, gifts or aid accepted by a county or district hospital board to the provision of additional funds for any improvement for which bonds have been issued or taxes levied. Under HB-2467, monies from the above sources may be transferred by a county or district hospital to a not-for-profit corporation that meets statutory requirements and which has been organized for the purpose of charitable support of health care, hospital and related services, medical and hospital staff recruitment, health education and training.

HB-2468 - concerning home health services agencies

Norman Furse reviewed HB-2468 for the committee. This bill amends four statutes that relate to licensing of home health agencies and the qualifications for home health services aides. The word "services" would be stricken from "home health services aide." The bill would eliminate a survey inspection during the first year of the initial license when the applicant certifies in written compliance with the requirements of this act and rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this act. It would allow the Secretary of Health and Environment to enter into reciprocal agreements with states bordering Kansas in prescribed circumstances. Rules and regulations would be the responsibility of the Secretary to adopt.

HB-2555 - establishing the state board of mortuary arts

Norman Furse presented a briefing on HB-2555. This bill would amend a number of statutes under which the practice of embalmers, funeral directors and assistant funeral directors is regulated to change the name of state board of embalming to state board of mortuary arts. This bill would also increase the allowed maximums for examination and license fees. Section 24 of this bill should have been deleted from the sunset laws and was inadvertently left out so this action would clear up that oversight.

SCR-1618 - concurrent resolution directing the Secretary on Aging to establish a state task force and issue a report concerning the welfare of the victims of Alzheimers disease victims and their families and recommend a course of action to assist them and submit a report to the Governor prior to 1-10-86.

Senator Vidricksen announced that the subcommittee on SB-113 would meet in 531-N at 12 noon today.

Senator Walker announced that the subcommittee on SB-273 would meet today at 1 p.m. in room 527.

Written testimony by The Association for Retarded Citizens of Kansas, Inc. was submitted by Ethel May Miller. Attachment I

Meeting adjourned.

SENATE
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DATE 3-25-85

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To: Senate Public Health & Welfare Comm. 3/20/85
Senator Roy Ehrlich, Chr.

From: Association for Retarded Citizens of Kansas
Ethel May Miller, Chr.
Legislative Comm. Re: HB 2185

In behalf of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Kansas and its some 5,000 members, we wish to convey our support of HB 2185. As you can well imagine, we who are parents of those who happen to be mentally retarded certainly support efforts toward prevention.

We have been both grateful and proud that Kansas does have screening tests, registry, and provides necessary treatment for diagnosed cases of phenlketonuria, galactosemia, and such other diseases as may be detected with the same procedures.

We support HB 2185 in that we do feel that having the tests performed by the department of health and environment would offer better centralized data and assure the very necessary follow-up. This in turn would offer more assurance that special diet and/or treatment needed would be available to actually prevent the mental retardation that, if untreated, would follow in spite of the early screening and testing.

As parents, we are extremely grateful to the many physicians, teachers, and other professionals who labor for each small gain of our retarded sons and daughters of today. But we cannot help but think now and then of what might have been, as well as with hope of what yet may be. And so we work for progress in behalf of those whom we know and love so well.

But we also work in behalf of those, who, if we are successful in Prevention, we will never need to know as mentally retarded.

We urge your support of HB 2185 as one more step in prevention, and lessening the chances of even two or three infants falling through the cracks.

Ethel May Miller
3/25/85

Attachment I