

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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

11:15 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on April 5, _____, 1985~~1985~~ outside Senate Chambers of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee met outside the Senate Chambers for a brief meeting to confer on HB-2504. After brief consideration Senator Morris made a motion to pass favorable HB-2504. Senator Mulich seconded the motion and it carried.

Meeting adjourned.



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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
CONCERNING SCR 1618

KINH members are drawn largely from the families of nursing home residents. Many know all too well the shattering effect Alzheimer's disease has upon the lives of its victims and upon their families.

Research into the causes and treatment of Alzheimer's disease is proceeding in the scientific community but, as with all scientific and medical research, we must expect that it will be many years, at best, before the causes can be identified fully and preventive or restorative treatments put into effect. In the meantime victims and families despair.

We have been told repeatedly of the help and comfort families find in the support groups and in services developed in some communities to provide various programs of short-term relief from the stresses and pressures of caring for Alzheimer's patients. We believe the Task Force on Alzheimer's and Related Diseases established by SCR 1618 would provide, at no cost to the state, an organized system for encouraging, developing, and coordinating these services across Kansas.

KINH urges your support for SCR 1618.

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Attachment IX