

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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

8:30 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on April 26, 1985 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB-2241 concerning fire safety and prevention; relating to reporting burn wounds

Senator Francisco explained to the committee that no statutes in force required the hospitals to report burn wounds caused by fire, explosion, heat or chemical substance occurring within the state.

Discussion followed. The question arose as to whether or not the State Fire Marshall could issue rules and regulations to cover this situation. Concern was expressed that the area was too broad as chemicals, insecticides, etc. caused burns. It was also stated that there is a need for records to help stop arson in our society.

Senator Morris made the motion that the chairman write a letter to the fire-fighters, the Medical Society and the Hospital Association and request that a less burdensome but effective law be developed and presented for consideration early next session. Senator Anderson seconded the motion.

Senator Francisco offered a substitute motion to insert "second and third degree" after "and" line (58) and before "burn" line (59). Senator Walker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Francisco made the motion to report HB-2241 favorable. Senator Morris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.