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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 17, 1986 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Norman Furse, Revisors Office
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Staff Briefing: HB-2663 HB-2664 HB-2710 HB-2729

The chairman announced he was passing over HB-2208 due to the numerous bills on the committee agenda.

The committee requested information concerning HB-2498 and HB-2533 as many constituents were contacting them. HB-2498, the occupational therapists, were recommended for licensing although in many instances the criteria were not met. The house committee heard numbers of persons including those who would be put out of business if occupational therapists were to be licensed, simply because of the definition of occupational therapists as it appears on the bill. The bill, also, as it was drafted, was a protection of title bill although the term "licensing" was used instead of the term "registration". The house committee concluded with fair unanimity, that the proper level of credentialing for occupational therapists was licensure. In the case of the respiratory therapists, the recommendations from the technical committee and SHCC was for no credentialing. It was only the Secretary of Health and Environment that recommended licensing based on criteria as interpreted prior to interim study. Both of the bills now provide protection of title and that is registration.

HB-2663 - An Act relating to the Kansas act on credentialing; concerning the procedure of credentialing of health care personnel;

This bill was the result of the interim committee Proposal 49. The credentialing process was not being interpreted in the envisioned manner, therefore, the interim committee recommended that the law be amended to clarify certain procedures and factors. This bill adds a definition of "certification" which recognizes private and federal credentialing. It would require that a fee of \$2,500 accompany the application of each group seeking credentialing and sets up criteria for the technical committee, establishing that the applying group has the burden of proving the group should be credentialed; if recommended for credentialing the Secretary of Health and Environment will file a report within 120 days. The recommendations of the Secretary, the Council and the technical committee are not binding on the legislature. The bill adds additional criteria and would make clear the recommendations of the technical committee, the council and the Secretary must be consistent with the policy using the least regulatory means assuring the protection of the public. Basic statutory protection is first preference; registration would be second preference and finally licensure in the last resort. Staff commented there is a need to state the manner in which this bill would be phased in so that a rush of applicants could not anticipate the deadline.

HB-2664 - An Act concerning the bureau of child research of the university of Kansas;

This bill provides that the Bureau of child research upon request of the Secretary of SRS, assist in the administration or operation of any institution within the department of SRS.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 526-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m. ~~pm~~ on March 17, 1986

Senator Morris moved that HB-2664 be passed out favorable. Senator Mulich seconded the motion and the motion carried.

HB-2710 - An Act concerning social welfare; relating to eligibility for general assistance;

It was suggested that the committee might wish to question the Secretary of SRS as to whether or not this bill is necessary in the light of action by the Ways and Means Committee. It merely ratifies what is being done, that is that Ways and Means Committee have recommended that transitional welfare be kept in a limited form. This bill simply makes clear that the existing program does include families in which a minor child resides or a pregnant woman is involved.

HB-2729 - An Act concerning the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas relating to unprofessional conduct; patient profile records; certain fees;

This bill relates to the Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas. It would add the definition of "Unprofessional Conduct" and delete "gross immorality". It was requested that the Executive Secretary of the Board of Pharmacy work with the staff to develop other changes in the Pharmacy Act. Changes provide specifically that the board may require a person, sitting before the board to register pharmacists, take the law examination administered by the board. It would require proper sanitary appliances be kept clean and orderly and also, each pharmacy shall keep a book or file for a period of 3 years. The house committee deleted lines 0381 through 0386 requiring maintenance of patient profile records. It also establishes certification of grades.

The chairman announced that the staff would continue briefing on HB-2681, HB-2730, HB-2731 and HB-2747 tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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