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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. ~~pm~~ on January 15, 1987 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Robert Harder, Secretary, SRS

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Ehrlich opened the meeting and introduced and welcomed the new Committee Vice Chairman, Senator Richard "Dick" Bond, who replaced Senator Jack Walker, the present Lieutenant Governor.

Secretary Harder presented the Annual Report of SRS, 1986. This report is on file or may be obtained through the State Reference Library.

Secretary Harder highlighted various aspects of this report. Recovered fraudulent overpayments have increased. Much of this success was attributed to the Hot Line which furnished productive sources of information. Secretary Harder stated that the Hot Line suggested by Senator Bill Morris of this committee some years ago has been a very good investment.

The Child Support area will become more efficient as computers allow a tie-in with the Judicial System. Adult abuse reporting has been made possible due to the authority given to the SRS Department by the Legislature.

The Homemaker Services Program has enabled many elderly to remain in their own homes.

The Weatherization Program has been somewhat extended to weatherize more thoroughly, the homes needing this work, even though this means fewer homes can be weatherized each year.

Secretary Harder also touched on the reports of General Assistance Programs such as Food Stamps, Commodity Distribution Programs and Medical Services.

The Job Preparation Programs as WIN and the Job Club provide employment and training, and social services needed by Public Assistance recipients to maintain Public Assistance eligibility, with the goal of returning the recipient to self sufficiency through employment.

Also discussed were Mental Health and Retardation Services, and Youth Services, which includes child abuse and family service programs and the family support plan.

The various graphs and reports summarizing the report were pointed out at the end of the report.

After answering specific questions of the committee members and staff the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee will be held January 20, 1987.

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