

Approved 3-24-87
Date

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 March 20, 1987 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe Harkins, Kansas Water Office
Dennis Schwartz, Kansas Rural Water District Association

Others attending: see attached list

Joe Harkins spoke to the committee on SB-285 stating that a great deal of work has been invested developing water supply source protection plans in order to slow down and hopefully prevent loss of public water supply and this bill was certainly needed.

Dennis Schwartz spoke to the committee stating that at the meeting held March 18 and 19, the Kansas Rural Water Association Directors voted unanimously to support passage of SB-285. (attachment 1)

Senator Bond stated that there were amendments he would like to add to SB-285. (attachment 2)

Senator Bond moved to insert on line 0096 following "regulations" "The rules and regulations shall not become effective prior to April 1, 1989." Senator Salisbury seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Bond made the motion to remove from lines 0099 and 0100 "state agencies, local governmental entities." Senator Francisco seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Bond moved to delete "all" line 0107 and "anthroprogenic" line 0108 and "all" line 0119. Senator Salisbury seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Bond moved to insert, preceding "A" line 0048, "After April 1, 1989". Senator Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Francisco moved to report SB-285 adversely. Senator Hayden seconded the motion.

Senator Anderson made a substitute motion to table SB-285. Senator Francisco seconded the motion. The motion failed.

The original motion failed.

Senator Bond moved to report SB-285 as amended favorable for passage. Senator Mulich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Francisco moved to report SB-286 favorable. Senator Mulich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Hayden moved to report SB-287 favorable. Senator Mulich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE,

room 526-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m./~~pm~~ on March 20, 1987.

Senator Salisbury moved to report SB-340 favorable. Senator Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Francisco requested his NO vote be recorded.

Senator Anderson moved to report HB-2014 favorable for passage. Senator Mulich seconded the motion.

Staff pointed out language, as in Section 2(5c) needed to be inserted in Section 2(b).

Senator Mulich moved to insert the needed language. Senator Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Anderson moved to report HB-2014 favorable as amended. Senator Mulich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Francisco moved to report HB-2015 favorable. Senator Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was called and division requested. The motion failed.

HB-2018 - no action taken.

HB-2054 - no action taken.

Senator Salisbury moved to strike Section 2(a) in HB-2135. Senator Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Morris made a conceptual motion to prevent door to door sales. Senator Mulich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Morris moved to pass HB-2135 out favorable as amended. Senator Mulich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Written testimony from Robert H. Lane, Administrator, Plainville Rural Hospital District concerning HB-2054 was presented to the committee members. (attachment 3)

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The committee will meet March 23, 1987.

SENATE
PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE 3/20/87

(PLEASE PRINT)
NAME AND ADDRESS

ORGANIZATION

Margaret Baggs
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Dennis F. Schwarz
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Belva Ott
KEITH R LANDIS
Jim Murphy
Mary Ann Bradford
Dick Hummel
Joe HARKINS
Tom Bell

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KANSAS RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
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March 20, 1987

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The Kansas Rural Water Association held its annual meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, on March 18 and 19, 1987. At this meeting, the KRWA Board of Directors voted unanimously to support passage of S.B. 285. We believe that it is important that public water supply permits be periodically reviewed to insure that permit conditions are maintained.

KRWA additionally concurs that while the responsibility to protect water supplies should be taken seriously by all Kansans, public water suppliers need to assume leadership roles in local water supply protection.



Dennis F. Schwartz
KRWA Vice President

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attachment 1

0083 and civil enforcement of agency actions. The court on review
0084 shall hear the case without delay.

0085 (d) *The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations for the*
0086 *issuance of a renewable public water supply system permit not*
0087 *to exceed a five-year term, and for the development and imple-*
0088 *mentation of a public water supply protection plan to be sub-*
0089 *mitted as part of a public water supply permit application. The*
0090 *rules and regulations will be applicable to new and existing*
0091 *public water supply systems. The secretary shall appoint an*
0092 *advisory task force consisting of not more than 15 members with*
0093 *balanced representation from cities, rural water districts, civil*
0094 *engineers in sanitary practice, health officers, other organiza-*
0095 *tions and the general public to assist the secretary in developing*
0096 *such rules and regulations. The rules and regulations shall:*

0097 (1) *Establish procedures for issuance and reissuance of*
0098 *public water supply permits not to exceed a five-year term;*

0099 (2) *specify the duties of ~~state agencies, local governmental~~*
0100 *~~entities~~ and public water supply systems with respect to the*
0101 *development and implementation of this section;*

0102 (3) *for each public water supply system, determine the pro-*
0103 *tection areas based on all reasonably available hydrologic and*
0104 *hydrogeologic information such as groundwater flow, recharge*
0105 *and discharge and other information the secretary deems nec-*
0106 *essary to adequately determine the protection area;*

0107 (4) *identify within each protection area ~~the~~ potential*
0108 *~~anthropogenic~~ sources of contaminants which may have any*
0109 *adverse effect on the health of persons;*

0110 (5) *describe a program that may contain, as appropriate,*
0111 *technical assistance, financial assistance, implementation of*
0112 *control measures, education, training and demonstration proj-*
0113 *ects to protect the water supply within the protection areas*
0114 *from such contaminants;*

0115 (6) *include contingency plans for the location and provision*
0116 *of alternate drinking water supplies for each public water*
0117 *supply system in the event of contamination by such contami-*
0118 *nants; and*

0119 (7) *include a requirement that consideration be given to all*

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE
PRIOR TO APRIL 1ST, 1989,

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attachment 2

NEIL H. ARASMITH
 SENATOR, THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT
 PHILLIPS, SMITH, JEWELL,
 REPUBLIC, ROOKS, OSBORNE,
 MITCHELL, NORTON COUNTIES
 59 SUNSET DRIVE
 PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS 67661-2611



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SENATE CHAMBER

March 16, 1987

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
 CHAIRMAN: FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND
 INSURANCE
 VICE CHAIRMAN: LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL
 APPORTIONMENT
 MEMBER: AGRICULTURE
 EDUCATION
 FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS
 INTERSTATE COOPERATION
 LEGISLATIVE POST AUDIT
 ORGANIZATION, CALENDAR AND
 RULES

Robert H. Lane
 Plainville Rural Hospital District
 304 South Colorado
 Plainville, Kansas 67663

Dear Mr. Lane:

Thank you for your letter of March 13 expressing your concerns about HB 2054 which would require itemized statements by medical care facilities.

In view of the concerns that you have expressed, I am somewhat surprised at the wide margin with which this bill passed the House of Representatives. The bill is now in the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, and I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to the committee chairman, Sen. Roy Ehrlich, so that he can have access to your concerns during the course of the committee deliberations. I trust this meets with your approval.

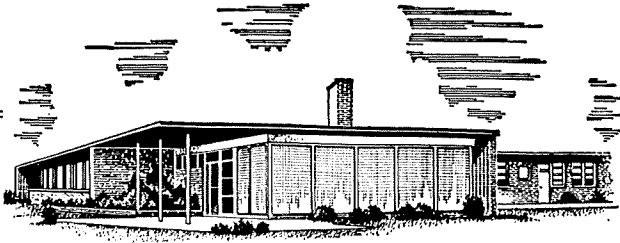
Sincerely,

Neil H. Arasmith
 Senator, 36th District

NHA/sh

cc: Sen. Roy Ehrlich

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Plainville Rural Hospital District

Comprising Corning, Fairview, Greenfield, Hobart, Logan, Medicine,
Northampton, Paradise, Plainville, Richland,
Rush, Twin Mound, Walton Townships,
and the City of Plainville, Kansas

March 13, 1987

Senator Neil H. Arasmith
59 Sunset Drive
Phillipsburg, Kansas 67661

Dear Senator Arasmith,

I am writing you to express my concern over the impact that HB 2054, "Medical Care Facilities; Itemized Bills", will have on my hospital.

I am the Administrator of a 27 bed hospital in rural Kansas. We do not have a computer system and currently perform all of our billing through the use of a posting machine. The total charges from each department are posted and then a total of all charges are posted each day on inpatients and for each visit on outpatients. We have a policy to send out a copy of the patient's bill upon request, and to my knowledge, we have not had any complaints about our itemized bills.

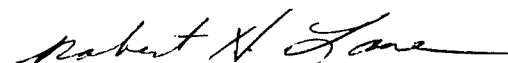
If House Bill 2054 becomes Law, as amended by House Committee, it would create a large hardship on this hospital due to the increased paperwork and man hours that would be involved to post all charges on all patients served.

In a time when controlling the costs of providing health care to the public is in the forefront of everyone's agenda, it appears to be very counter-productive to mandate that small hospitals, with limited and dwindling resources, spend these resources on something that will not improve the quantity of quality of services we provide. This Bill would require me to hire more personnel, at the very least, and to look at the purchase or lease of a computer system to minimize costs over the long term. I am sure that you are aware of the cost of computer technology. With the farm and oil economy in it's depressed state, our young people are seeking employment wherever they can find it. These facts are decreasing the tax base of this hospital, and increasing the number of patients who no longer have the ability to pay for the care they need.

The cost of providing medical service by the vast majority of rural hospitals in Kansas is below the national level. This Bill will only serve to increase the costs without providing any improvement in health care.

I hope that you will take these thoughts into consideration when you vote on this Bill. If I can provide any additional information to you on this subject, please feel free to contact me. If you are ever in this area, I would welcome the opportunity to give you a tour of our hospital and discuss any issue which involves providing health care for rural Kansans.

Sincerely,


Robert H. Lane, Administrator

Plainville Rural Hospital District
304 S. Colorado
Plainville, Kansas 67663

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RHL/cm

Enclosure: Copy of House Bill No. 2054

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 1987

HOUSE BILL No. 2054

By Representatives Buehler and Sughrue

1-14

0018 AN ACT relating to medical care facilities; concerning itemized
0019 bills.

0020 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

0021 Section 1. Each medical care facility, as defined by K.S.A.
0022 65-425 and amendments thereto, licensed to do business in this
0023 state shall provide a detailed, itemized statement of all ~~costs~~
0024 charges for services provided at the medical care facility to each
0025 individual who received such services if such detailed, itemized
0026 statement is requested by such individual **or, in case of the death**
0027 **of such individual, by the next of kin of such individual. The**
0028 **medical care facility shall provide such itemized statement**
0029 **within 30 days subsequent to the receipt of the request therefor.**

0030 Sec. 2. The secretary of health and environment shall adopt
0031 rules and regulations specifying what items shall be included on
0032 itemized statements required by section 1.

0033 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and
0034 after its publication in the statute book.