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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Marvin L. Littlejohn at
Chairperson

1:30 a.m./p.m. on January 25, 1988 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Hassler, excused

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Research
Norman Furse, Revisor
Sue Hill, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman Littlejohn called meeting to order when quorum was present.

He announced after discussions with Vice-Chairman, to appoint a sub-committee to work on HB 2464. This committee will consist of Representative Weimer as Chairman, Representative Neufeld, and Representative Whiteman. They will report back to full committee by January 28, and if an agreement has not yet been reached, they will report next week.

Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to Vice-Chairman Buehler for his work with the committee last week in absence of the Chair. He thanked all members of committee for the card he received, and he is grateful to be back to work.

It was announced there is to be a tour of the State Penitentiary next Monday, and those committee members wishing to attend that tour will be excused from committee.

Chair invited staff to give briefing on HB 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643.

Norman Furse, Revisor began briefing on HB 2640:

Both HB 2640 and HB 2641 are in relation to Proposal No. 28. He gave background of this proposal, that is published in Interim Study Book. He gave an over-view of the bill, section by section, then answered questions from members, i.e., yes, any license that any United States Citizen can enjoy, any Foreign National can too, if they meet and pass the necessary requirements.

HB 2641:

This bill speaks to giving the Board some uniform direction relating to the investigating of programs in schools and colleges in regard to those who are not otherwise approved. Statutory requirement is, for a person to be eligible for licensure, they must graduate from a program that has been approved by a State Licensing Agency. Language in the bill will speak to many groups of study, i.e., Nursing, Mental Health, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Social Work, and others. He answered questions, i.e., Agencies can require more requirements, but not less than State Statutes requirements.

Emalene Correll briefed HB 2642:

Ms. Correll began her comments noting members might wish to read over with care, the Proposal No. 28, and it will enlighten them about the approval of schools, and how surprising it is, in spite of the laws and policies of the State, some Boards have found ways

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 423-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 a.m./p.m. on January 25, 1988

Briefing on HB 2642 continued:--

to avoid even considering licensure of foreign education providers.

Briefing on HB 2642:--

Ms. Correll gave background saying this legislation came from Proposal No. 29. HB 2642 is a clean up bill, in that it would re-route the authority to assess fines when failure of a Medical Care Facility to report takes place. She defined the bill section by section. She answered questions, i.e., it is the responsibility of the staff at a facility to determine if all those employed are properly qualified.

HB 2643:--

Ms. Correll gave a section by section over-view of this legislation, saying all those are mandated to report if they have knowledge of a reportable incident, (causing injury to a patient, discipline of a worker by a Health Care Provider). The effect of expanding language to include all groups being added, i.e., Dentists, Licensed Nurses, Occupational Therapists, and others, would be to require all these new groups to report not only to their own group of providers, but also other care providers. She outlined the reporting procedures, for both inside and outside a medical care facility. She spoke to the confidentiality provisions, and efforts of the committee when drawing this legislation to make language uniform in regard to reporting provisions. She explained section by section, the changes and revisions, of a technical nature as well. She answered questions, i.e., fiscal impact; language clean up. She noted that committee members might wish to ask conferees to comment on three points the Interim Committee had discussed, that are not as yet a part of HB 2643, i.e., that state funds not be used to pay for treatment; any provider who is diverted to treatment rather than have his or her license suspended, be diverted through appropriate Regulatory Board; that contracts provide peer provider reimbursement to the care provider be on a per-capita basis, not in a lump sum. She then answered further questions.

Chair thanked staff for their comprehensive briefing on these bills.

Chair announced there will be a Bill Requests given on Wednesday, January 27th.

Meeting adjourned 2:40 p.m.