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Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR ROY M. EHRLICH at  
Chairperson

12:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on April 30, 1988 ~~in~~ at rail of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee met briefly at the rail at 12:30 p.m. to consider the subcommittee report on SB-609. Attachment 1

Senator Ben Vidricksen made a motion to accept the subcommittee report on SB-609. Senator Morris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Senator Vidricksen moved to request an interium study concerning SB-609. Senator Morris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



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4-30-88

## REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON S.B. 609

The Subcommittee on S.B. 609 met on April 30, 1988 to consider amendments to S.B. 609 which concerns the regulation of health spas under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. The subcommittee considered amendments proposed by David Moses, Assistant District Attorney of Sedgwick County, and the policy issues posed by the proposed amendments. In reviewing the proposed amendments, the subcommittee noted there was no agreement between the Sedgwick County officials and representatives of the industry on several of the major issues in the bill. Therefore, the subcommittee concluded that there is insufficient time remaining in the 1988 Session to resolve the problems and policies that are contained in S.B. 609.

The subcommittee does, however, have a serious concern about the problem of unregulated health spas that take advantage of consumers through unscrupulous business practices. Committee hearings revealed that the problem has surfaced not only in Sedgwick County but in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties, as conveyed by Dennis Moore, District Attorney for Johnson County. The subcommittee believes that protection of the public can only be achieved through the development of a regulatory system at the local or state level. Further, the subcommittee believes that the industry, as a whole, does not condone the few bad operators who undermine the public's confidence in legitimate health spas and that the industry would support reasonable regulation that protects the public. For these reasons, the subcommittee recommends that the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare request an interim study of the regulation of health spas and that the request for an interim study indicate that the Committee places a high priority on this subject in consideration by the Legislative Coordinating Council of interim study proposals.

Senator Ben Vidricksen, Chairman

Senator Bill Morris

Senator Eugene Anderson

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