

Approved 4-26-89
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Lana Oleen at
Chairperson

1:35 ~~4:00~~ p.m. on March 20, 19 89 in room 531-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Moran - Absent

Committee staff present: Julian Efird - Research
Jill Wolters - Revisor

Conferees appearing before the committee: Larry Montgomery, Lottery
Joe Harkins, Kansas Water Office
Representative Jesse Branson

Motion was made by Senator Bogina to approve minutes of meetings on February 27, March 2, 3, 13 and 14, 1989; seconded by Senator Strick. Motion carried.

Hearings on:

SB 336 - Establishing a director of finance and firector of sales in Lottery.

Larry Montgomery stated this bill arose out of a subcommittee in the Ways & Means Committee, after establishing the need to separate the responsibilities of marketing and sales within the Lottery administration. As the operation of the Lottery developed, it also became apparent the position of Director of Finance, which has been temporary needs to be made a permanent position. Mr. Montgomery feels the positions of Directors of Sales and Finance need codification to maintain the proper operation of these two areas within the Lottery administration. The Director of Sales is currently on staff and the Director of Finance position is soon to be filled. Both positions will be unclassified.

Chairman Oleen informed the Committee that hearings on bills scheduled for today would be delayed until the arrival of conferees, who were required to be present at a hearing within the same time frame. As the Committee will be holding a hearing on HB 2444 within the next week, Representative Jesse Branson was asked to present her testimony on the bill.

HB 2444 - Concerning access to service for medically indigent and homeless

Representative Branson gave a review of the history of the commission addressing the issue of services being accessible to the medically indigent as well as the homeless. The incidence of medical indigence is a growing area of concern in Kansas with around 15% of the population unable to secure health care due to inadequate personal resource. Health providers are being hit with an increasing demand for services by the medically poor. Representative Branson, speaking for the Commission, feels more work needs to be done in this area as well as addressing the problem of homelessness, which has not been studied due to the lack of time. (Attachment 1)

HB 2038 - Concerning sunset of the Kansas Water Office

Joe Harkins stated that two recommendations came out of the hearings in the House: Adoption of a geographic informaton system network and the Chief Engineer given the authority to regulate water sufficiency for conservation plans, as outlined in the Water Plan. mr. Harkins related the history of development of the Water Authority and Water Office and their respective responsibilities. He also noted the ways they have cooperated and worked to develop and implement the Water Plan throughout the state.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION,
room 531-N Statehouse, at 1:35 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on March 20, 19 89

HB 2039 - Concerning sunset of the Kansas Water Authority

Joe Harkins stated the Water Authority now has 23 members representing many different interests associated with water and the general public. They have been an effective organization devising the mechanisms for compromise in establishing water policies. Mr. Harkins said between \$15 and \$18 million is needed in funding to sustain the work and projects devised in the Water Plan that have been implemented. Priorities under the Water Plan are to protect the quality of water available, make available water that is needed for development during all weather conditions and to get more people involved in the protection of the water in the state. Operation and funding of watershed districts was discussed. Mr. Harkins stated discontinuing existence of the Water Authority would undo all the work that has been accomplished and set in motion over the last ten years by the two water agencies.

Chairman Oleen directed the Committee's attention to discussion on SB 336.

Motion was made by Senatgor Strick to recommend favorably SB 336; seconded by Senator Bogina. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be on March 21, 1989.

GUEST LIST

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March 20, 1989

TO: Senator Lana Oleen, Chair
and Members
Senate Committee on Governmental Organization

FROM: Representative Jessie Branson, Vice Chair
Commission on Access to Services for the Medically
Indigent and Homeless

Re: Support of H.B. 2444

I am pleased to have this opportunity of speaking to your committee in support of H.B. 2444.

Following the recommendations of a 1986 Interim Committee on Public Health and Welfare, legislation was passed during the 1987 Session to establish the Kansas Commission on Access to Services for the Medically Indigent and Homeless. The Commission, composed of four legislators and five appointees of the Governor, held numerous meetings in Topeka and at various sites around the state in late 1987 and during the 1988 interim.

Pursuant to legislative directive, the Report and Recommendations on Access to Services for the Medically Indigent has recently been submitted to all members of the Legislature and to the Governor. Several recommendations of the Commission are being carried forward in this, the 1989 Legislative Session. A report on homelessness has not been submitted to date simply because the Commission has been overwhelmed with a study of and recommendations on medical indigence alone.

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3-21-89
ATTACH 1

Attached is a listing of bills and concurrent resolutions introduced in the 1989 Session.

The Report defines medical indigence as being unable to secure health care due to inability to pay for all or part of such care due to inadequate personal resources, being uninsured, being underinsured, or being ineligible for governmental health benefits.

The incidence of medical indigence nationally as well as in Kansas has been identified by numerous studies. Surveys on Kansas generally reveal the same findings as those done nationally -- that around 15% of the population, or approximately 380,000 Kansans, is without health care coverage.

It is important to note that a contributing factor in Kansas is the high proportion of small employers who may not, or can not, provide insurance for a variety of reasons. About 50% of the medically indigent are employed and often referred to as "the working poor".

One of the consequences of this dilemma is that providers of health care, including hospitals, local health departments, clinics for the medically indigent and physicians are hit with an increasing demand for health services by the medically poor.

Typically, such persons have not received preventive or basic health care and present themselves with an acute illness or accident. (Children with severe earaches or high fevers showing up at emergency rooms were frequently cited as were women who, having had little or no prenatal care, appear at the hospital door in labor).

Speaking for the Commission, we believe that further work needs to be done on medical indigence, particularly in studying what might be working in other states at this point.

In addition we feel it is imperative that we address the problem of homelessness, which, as I mentioned earlier, we could not accomplish because we simply ran out of time before the '89 Session.

We urge your support of H.B. 2444.

cc: Senator Roy Ehrlich, Chair
Commission on Access to Services for the
Medically Indigent and Homeless

Attachment

Listed below are bills submitted in the 1989 Legislative Session on Access to Services for the Medically Indigent and Homeless.

2441—

House bill No. 2441, An act concerning the state medical assistance program; establishing a program authorizing certain persons to purchase coverage under the state medical assistance program; granting authority to and imposing duties upon the secretary of social and rehabilitation services.

Committee on Public Health and Welfare
(Appropriations)

2442—

House bill No. 2442, An act requiring the preparation by each county of a survey of the provision of basic health services for residents who are medically indigent; requiring submission of the results of such survey to the secretary of health and environment; directing the secretary of health and environment to perform certain duties.

Committee on Public Health and Welfare
(Public Health and Welfare)

2443—

House bill No. 2443, An act authorizing the providing of outreach services; relating to public health services and social services; amending K.S.A. 65-101 and 75-5321 and repealing the existing sections.

Committee on Public Health and Welfare
(Public Health and Welfare)

2444—

House bill No. 2444, An act concerning the commission on access to services for the medically indigent and the homeless; amending K.S.A. 1988 Supp. 74-8501 and 74-8505 and repealing the existing sections.

Committee on Public Health and Welfare
(Governmental Organization)

2445—

House bill No. 2445, An act concerning scholarships for certain students of the healing arts; concerning agreements for the awarding of such scholarships; amending K.S.A. 1988 Supp. 74-3266 and 76-375 and repealing the existing sections.

Committee on Public Health and Welfare
(Appropriations)

H.B. 2028 -

Medicaid expansion for pregnant women and infants to 150% of the poverty level and young children (up to 5 years of age) to 100% of the poverty level

A Senate concurrent resolution is being introduced directing schools of nursing in the state to develop and implement programs for training of nurse practitioners