

Approved 1-29-1990
Date 1990

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 10, 1990 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Research
Norman Furse, Revisor
Sue Hill, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman called meeting to order with a welcome to all members, noting he feels this Committee is one of the hardest working Committees in the Legislature. He plans again to keep politics out of Committee work, since this Committee deals with health issues. He asked Lobbyists and others who testify before this Committee to submit written testimony, and Chair hopes to allow as many questions as possible, but also cautioned against me-too testimony. He urged for cooperation, and assured Committee members he would do all he could to cooperate in any way he can to help this to be a successful Session.

Chair noted the printed list of Carry-over bills from 1989 Session, and called attention to it as discussion began.

HB 2107

Chair noted HB 2107 would ask for a Moratorium on building more Nursing Homes, an Interim Study was requested, however the Coordinating Council did not feel an Interim was warranted.

Chair asked wishes of members.

Rep. Amos moved HB 2107 be reported adversely, seconded by Rep. Scott. Discussion ensued, i.e., some states, (Minnesota for example) have gone to a moratorium with the idea of forcing more in-home services. If this is to be done in Kansas, perhaps legislation will need to be worded a bit differently than in HB 2107. It was also stated Secretary Barton feels a moratorium may still be in the offing. Vote taken, motion carried.

HB 2146

HB 2146 was identical to other legislation that was passed in 1989. Rep. Wiard moved to report HB 2146 adversely, seconded by Rep. Amos. No discussion, vote taken, motion carried.

HB 2254

It was noted legislation in HB 2254 was addressed in an amendment in other legislation that was passed in 1989.

Rep. Wells moved to report HB 2254 adversely, seconded by Rep. Borum, motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE,
room 423-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 a/m./p.m. on January 10, 1990

HB 2317

Chair noted HB 2317 was tabled last Session, and it will take a two-thirds majority to vote the bill back for discussion. Discussion began, i.e., concern about teens being able to buy tobacco products, teens being giving free samples. Some feel this is important legislation, and there will continue to be legislation dealing with these issues. Rep. Branson moved to bring HB 2317 off the table to reconsider it in committee, seconded by Rep. Flottman. More discussion ensued, i.e., if the bill is killed, a new one will surface in it's place; there is an issue here of a Supremacy question, and that too should be addressed. Vote taken, division called for, show of hands indicated 9 in favor, 10 against, (with Chairman voting against), motion failed. HB 2317 will remain Tabled.

HB 2427 will have hearings at a later date.

HB 2442

It was noted that a Health Data Base is badly need, however there was no formal recommendation to come out of the Commission on Medical Indigents meeting held on January 5, 1990. Rep. Branson moved to report HB 2442 adversely, seconded by Rep. Flower. Motion carried.

HB 2569 and SB 365

Chairman called attention to the track record on HB 2569, reading bill progress in and out of different committees throughout the 1989 Session. Rep. Buehler moved to report both SB 365 and HB 2569 adversely, since they are related. Rep. Wells seconded this motion, motion carried.

SB 103

This legislation involved bedding materials. No discussion held. Rep. Shallenburger moved to report SB 103 adversely, seconded by Rep. Amos, motion carried.

SB 181

It was noted that SB 181 had been amended into other legislation passed in 1989. Rep. Branson moved to report SB 181 adversely, seconded by Rep. Borum, motion carried.

SB 304

Chair noted the progression of SB 304. It was passed favorably out of this committee, and when debated on House floor, concerns raised that the State could come back years later and charge consumers for payment of maintenance charges. SB 304 was withdrawn from House Calendar when this issue was raised by Rep. Douville. After discussion, it was the consensus of Committee of Committee to hold SB 304 in this Committee.

Chair announced there would be Staff reports on Interim Studies, and on 2 bills assigned to this Committee in 1990.

Chair thanked all for their cooperation this date.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 p.m.

