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Date 4-25-91

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Carol H. Sader at _____
Chairperson

2:15 a.m./p.m. on April 2, 1991 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Flottman, excused absence

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Research
Bill Wolff, Research
Norman Furse, Revisor
Sue Hill, Committee Secretary
Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman Sader called meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. (Room 423-S) Chair drew attention to consideration of HB 2608.

Rep. Amos made a motion to report HB 2608 favorably. Motion seconded by Rep. Carmody. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Rep. Wagle will carry HB 2608 on the floor of the House.

Chair called attention to SB 55, noting it had been removed from the Consent Calendar. Requested Rep. Flower to carry SB 55 to the floor of the House. Rep. Flower agreed to do so.

Chair called for discussion on HCR 5008. Chair gave background information on the legislation proposed this year by Silver Haired Legislators. It was noted this had been a request last year, was forwarded out of House Public Health and Welfare Committee but was not advanced in the House. A lengthy discussion began, i.e., it was noted perhaps a National Health Care Plan is not the best idea; Kansas making a statement to the federal government would perhaps be appropriate; some members felt it best to advance HCR 5008 out of committee and let the House, after debate, make the decision on whether or not to advance the bill.

Rep. Cribbs moved to pass HCR 5008 out favorably. Motion seconded by Rep. Wiard. Discussion continued, i.e., some think a federal plan is premature; perhaps a state implemented program is best; more governmental intervention isn't advisable; this health concept needs debate.

Vote taken. Chair in doubt, show of hands indicated 6 in favor, 10 against. Motion failed.

Rep. Praeger moved to amend HCR 5008 on line 16 to change "must" to "should"; delete lines 22 through 29; in line 31 to strike "containing escalating health care cost" and add in lieu thereof, "providing health care for all Kansans"; in line 35 after the word "plan", add language "administered by state authorities". Discussion continued. Vote taken. Chair in doubt, show of hands indicated 9 in favor, 8 against. Motion carried.

Rep. Praeger moved to pass HCR 5008 out favorably as amended. Motion seconded by Rep. Wiard. Show of hands indicated 8 in favor, 7 against, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 423-S, Statehouse, at 2:15 /a.m./p.m. on April 2, 1991

Chair drew attention to SB 271, noting the sub-committee has made progress in providing amendments for the bill. Perhaps a balloon can be prepared and ready for the next meeting scheduled for around 1:00 p.m. tomorrow in Room 423-S.

Chair announced, that members who believe that certain issues warrant an Interim Study should submit a list of those issues in written form to the Chairperson prior to the end of the Session. The Chair then will compile a list and write a letter to the Legislative Coordinating Council containing recommendations for Interim Study and a letter to the Joint Committee on Health Care Decisions for the 90's containing recommended issues for that Committee's consideration.

Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

