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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

10:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 4, 1991 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Legislative Research
Norman Furse, Revisor's Office
Jo Ann Buntten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman Ehrlich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced the minutes for February 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1991, were distributed to the committee for review.

Final Action:

SB 157 - Prohibiting certain acts relating to the operation of public water supply.

Staff Furse explained balloon of SB 157 which was distributed to the committee, showing amendments that clarified the intent of the language. (Attachment 1) The wishes of the committee were asked. Senator Langworthy made the motion to adopt the amendments, and Senator Walker seconded the motion. After committee discussion, the motion carried. Senator Langworthy made the motion to recommend SB 157 as amended favorably for passage. Senator Burke seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion carried. SB 157 will be carried by Senator Langworthy.

SB 235 - Standards for bottled water.

Senator Salisbury made the motion to recommend SB 235 favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Burke. No discussion followed. The motion carried. Senator Parrish will be asked if she would like to carry the bill.

SB 105 - Providing for registration of athletic trainers.

After committee discussion regarding possible amendments to SB 105, Staff Furse will draw up a balloon of the bill showing proposed amendments. Final action on the bill will be taken up at a later date.

SB 184 - Certificate of need required for health facility projects and services.

Senator Walker made the motion to recommend SB 184 be referred to the Health Care Decisions for the 1990's Committee for further study, seconded by Senator Strick. No discussion followed. The motion carried. The Chairman announced that a letter will be sent to the Joint Committee on Health Care Decisions for the 1990's recommending SB 184 be studied by that committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE,
room 526-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m./p.m. on March 4, 1991.

SB 204 - Established charges for services of health care providers to be made available to the public.

Senator Walker explained two amendments to SB 204 outlining the definition of fees and additional language in the bill. Senator Walker moved to adopt the amendments, seconded by Senator Strick. Discussion followed regarding the amendments. The motion carried. Senator Walker made the motion to report the bill as amended favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Strick. Considerable discussion centered on the Board of Healing Arts requesting extra clerical staff to handle paper work involved if this bill should become law by Senator Salisbury. Senator Burke also addressed the issue of physicians' fees. Senator Walker stated SB 204 would be a start in having the public aware of medical costs. The chairman stated the recommendations in this bill came from the Governor's Commission on Health Care. After further discussion, Senator Walker withdrew his original motion and made a substitute motion to refer SB 204 to the Health Care Decisions for the 1990's Committee for further study, seconded by Senator Strick. No further discussion followed. The motion carried. The chairman announced that a letter will be sent to the Joint Committee on Health Care Decisions for the 1990's recommending SB 204 be studied by that committee.

SB 205 - Health care for Kansans.

Senator Walker stated there were many issues raised during the hearings on SB 205 and the bill needs to be studied further. Senator Walker made the motion to recommend SB 205 be referred to the Health Care Decisions for the 1990's committee for further study, seconded by Senator Burke. No discussion followed. The motion carried. The chairman announced a letter will be sent to the Joint Committee on Health Care Decisions for the 1990's recommending SB 205 be studied by that committee.

The chairman stated many letters were received from suppliers of flotation beds, and testimony was heard at an earlier committee meeting from suppliers and SRS addressing this issue. The Chairman stated he had consulted with Committee Vice Chairperson Langworthy and ranking minority member Walker, and it was agreed by them that a prescription order should come from a medical doctor, not a registered nurse, if a patient needs a flotation bed. The Chairman said he had spoken with Dr. Bob Harder (SRS) on this subject, and that Dr. Harder believed the agency could implement the committee's recommendation in policy rather than enactment of a bill. The Chairman also stated costs are compatible with other states in addressing this issue. The Chairman asked permission from the committee to write a letter to SRS asking that the policy be implemented, through rules and regulations, directing SRS to implement criteria for therapeutic beds so that these beds could be ordered by a physician and the screening process at SRS would be done by a qualified physician. The rules and regulations would be subject to review by the Joint Committee on Administratives Rules and Regulations. After committee discussion, it was agreed to ask SRS to confirm this approach with the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

1 junction with solder and flux, solder and flux containing not more
2 than .2% lead, and (2) with respect to its usage in conjunction with
3 pipes and pipe fittings, pipes and pipe fittings containing not more
4 than 8% lead; and

5 (i) the sale of unmarked lead solders and fluxes after June 19,
6 1988. After June 19, 1988, A seller of lead solders and fluxes in
7 Kansas shall not sell any solder or flux containing more than .2%
8 lead unless the seller displays a sign and a label is affixed to such
9 product which states: "Contains lead: Kansas law and federal law
10 prohibits the use of this product in any plumbing installation pro-
11 viding water for human consumption.";

12 (j) the application of fertilizers, pesticides or other chemicals by
13 any person through any lawn irrigation system supplied by a public
14 water supply system. In areas where the public water supply system
15 has adopted a program for the detection and elimination of cross
16 connections and prevention of backflow and backsiphonage which
17 has been approved by the secretary of health and environment, such
18 application may be permitted by the public water supply system
19 upon its periodic inspection and current approval of the installed
20 air gap or reduced pressure zone backflow prevention device which
21 isolates the irrigation system; and

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except that in

22 (k) the use by any person of a public water supply system as a
23 source of make-up water for bulk chemical application tanks. In
24 areas where the public water supply system has adopted a program
25 for the detection and elimination of cross connections and prevention
26 of backflow and backsiphonage which has been approved by the
27 secretary of health and environment, such use may be permitted by
28 the public water supply system upon its periodic inspection and
29 current approval of an air gap to protect the public water supply.

or reduced pressure zone backflow prevention device

30 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1990 Supp. 65-171r is hereby repealed.
31 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
32 its publication in the statute book.