

Approved: March 5, 1996  
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlos Mayans at 1:30 p.m. on March 4, 1996 in Room 423-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Kirk  
Representative Landwehr  
Representative Yoh

Committee staff present:  
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Francie Marshall, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Bill Cutler, Kansas Department on Aging

Others attending: See Guest List: Attachment 1.

Chairperson Mayans opened the meeting and asked for consideration of the minutes of the meetings held on February 20, 21, and 22, 1996.

**SB 463 - Kansas Senior Care Act interagency coordinating committee abolished**

Bill Cutler, Senior Care Act Program Coordinator, Kansas Department on Aging presented testimony in support of **SB 463** (see Attachment 2).

Since there were no questions from the committee, the hearing was closed on **SB 463**.

Chairperson Mayans then called for action on **SB 463**.

On motion of Representative Geringer, seconded by Representative Freeborn, the committee voted that **SB 463** be passed and placed on the consent calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 1996.

# House Health & Human Services COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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HAROLD PITTS	<del>W</del> KCOA
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**Testimony to the  
House Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
March 4, 1996**

**by  
Bill Cutler, Senior Care Act Program Coordinator  
Kansas Department on Aging**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you on this bill. I am appearing this morning on behalf of Secretary Thelma Hunter Gordon.

**Purpose**

This bill would eliminate the interagency coordinating committee that is required in the Senior Care Act to review the annual report prepared by the Department on the Senior Care program, and to advise on implementation.

**Testimony**

When the bill was enacted, communication between the Department on Aging, SRS and Health and Environment was notably poor. Not too long after the act was implemented, Governor Finney directed the three departments to regularly meet together to improve communication. The result of this was the Long Term Care Action Committee, which met for a number of years and presented reports to the Legislature. This committee has disbanded, mainly because staff of the departments now communicate well and regularly include representatives from other departments in working on issues that jointly affect us. The SRS "LIFE" program, Health and Environment's work on the Assisted Living Regulations, and the proposed transfer of long term care programs for the elderly from SRS to Aging are all current examples.

The Governor has requested our agencies to examine where our agencies might "turn out the lights" on boards and committees that were not essential. We believe that this is a step we can make to meet that request, and hope you will vote to eliminate this requirement. I should note that the requirement of an annual report to the legislature about the activities and effectiveness of the Senior Care Act will not be affected, and that this report was submitted to the House and Senate last December.

I would welcome any questions that you might have.

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