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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 1997 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department  
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Ann Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

**Introduction of Committee and Staff**

The Chair introduced members and staff of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.

**Issues relating to Health Care**

The Chair noted that the Committee will be addressing certain issues relating to health care this session of the Legislature. Some of those issues are: health insurance, long-term care, managed care, health data, rural health care, aging services, welfare reform, children and families, and scope of practice. Committee members also noted certain issues they would like addressed in Committee during the session which include licensure of psychologists, downsizing of state hospitals, mentally and physically disabled concerns, administrative response to welfare reform, electronic delivery of rural health care, privatization process relating to drug and alcohol programs, hospital conversions, children with disabilities in public schools, and defining "family" as related to third-child benefits.

**Announcements**

The Chair announced the agenda for the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 1997.

