

Approved: 4-11-97
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Praeger at 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 1997 at the Rail, Third Floor, of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:
Jo Ann Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Discussion and Action on Senate Concurrent Resolution

Members of the Committee met upon adjournment of the Senate to discuss and consider action on a subcommittee report that recommended establishment of a task force to study long-term care services. (See Attachment 1)

Senator Langworthy made a motion the Committee adopt the subcommittee report and introduce a Senate Concurrent Resolution that would establish a task force to study long-term care services, seconded by Senator Jones. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing a task force on long-term care services to study services provided by the public and private sector to citizens of the state and laws and rules and regulations relating to such services.

WHEREAS, The legislature is vitally interested in the welfare of the citizens of this state who are consumers of long-term care services; and

WHEREAS, Services provided for citizens who are consumers of long-term care by state agencies and private vendors should be provided efficiently, economically and sensitively in a supportive state regulatory environment; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several legislative sessions major statutory changes have been enacted relating to adult care homes and the responsibility for the administration of long-term care programs: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That a task force on long-term care services be established to study the implementation and operation of recent statutory changes relating to adult care homes, the long-term care ombudsman program, state and federal laws and rules and regulations which impact on the services provided by government and the private sector to citizens who are consumers of long-term care and such other matters relating thereto as the task force deems appropriate; and

Be it further resolved: That the task force shall consist of 16 members appointed as follows: (a) Eight members appointed by the legislative coordinating council, four of whom shall be consumers of long-term care services and four of whom shall be providers of long-term care services; (b) two members appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the senate committee on public health and welfare and one of whom

shall be a member of the senate committee on financial institutions and insurance; (c) two members appointed by the minority leader of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the senate committee on public health and welfare and one of whom shall be a member of the senate committee on financial institutions and insurance; (d) two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the house committee on health and human services and one whom shall be a member of the house committee on insurance; and (e) two members appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the house committee on health and human services and one of whom shall be a member of the house committee on insurance; and

Be it further resolved: Of the eight members appointed by the legislative coordinating council, no more than two members shall reside in any one congressional district; and

Be it further resolved: That the legislative coordinating council shall appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the membership of the task force and that staffing shall be available from the legislative research department and the revisor of statutes office if authorized by the legislative coordinating council; and

Be it further resolved: That the members of the task force shall receive reimbursement for attending meetings of the task force as authorized by the Legislative Coordinating Council consistent with the provisions of K.S.A. 46-1209 and amendments thereto; and

Be it further resolved: That the task force prepare and submit a report and recommendations to the governor and to the legislature on or before January 12, 1998.