

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH CARE STRATEGIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Wagle at 4:30 P.M. on April 27, 2005 at the rail of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Ms. Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the committee:

**Approval of Minutes**

Committee minutes of March 24, 29, 30 and April 27, 2005 were distributed to each of the Senators for approval. If no changes are required by the end of the day of April 29, 2005, the above minutes will stand as approved.

The minutes of January 20, 26, 27, February 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and March 2 and 3, 2005, distributed at the March 24, 2005 meeting were approved on April 1, 2005.

**Action on SB235 - Instituting moratorium on establishing new hospitals**

Chairperson Wagle called a meeting at the rail regarding Senate Resolution 1862 . As there were no questions, Senator Vicki Schmidt made the motion to adopt the resolution and advance the bill favorably. This was seconded by Senator Jordan and the motion passed. A copy of the resolution is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. A quorum of the Senate Health Care Strategies Committee members were present at this meeting at the rail.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 4:35 p.m.

**DRAFT**  
By Committee on Health Care Strategies

A RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to continue the current federal moratorium on specialty hospitals.

WHEREAS, Provisions of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) called for an 18-month moratorium on new specialty hospitals, while the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) study related issues; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has seen more growth in the number of specialty hospitals compared to neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, MedPAC has defined criteria that categorizes a specialty hospital as one that receives at least 45% of its Medicare cases in cardiac, orthopedic, or surgical services or at least 66% of its Medicare cases in two of these categories; and

WHEREAS, The Senate Committee on Health Care Strategies held numerous hearings this 2005 session on the issue of specialty hospitals and concluded that the Kansas legislature needs to study the issue in more detail, including possible changes to the Kansas hospital licensure law; and

WHEREAS, MedPAC has unanimously endorsed the extension of the current federal moratorium on specialty hospitals: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Senate memorializes the Congress of the United States to support the recommendations and guidelines provided by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and extend the current federal moratorium on specialty hospitals; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.

Senate Health Care Strategies Committee  
Date: April 27, 2005  
Attachment 1