

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:30 P.M. on March 7, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Palmer – Excused

Committee staff present:
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Betty Wright, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board

Others attending:
See attached list.

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett asked that the Committee review the Minutes for March 1, 2007 for approval at the end of the meeting.

Announcements

The Chair announced that the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee will be having a joint meeting with the Senate Ways and Means Committee on March 15, 2007 in room 123-S at 12:00p.m. The Chair also announced that the Committee will be having a confirmation hearing for the appointment of Gilbert Cruz and that a packet has been given to them to view before the hearing.

Chairman Barnett called upon Emalene Correll to read and explain **HB 2214** and **HB 2216**.

The Chair then announced that the next order of business was to open the hearing on **HB 2214**.

Hearing on HB 2214 – An act concerning Kansas Dental Board; relating to sedation permits

The Chair called upon proponent conferee, Betty Wright, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board who stated that the bill was drafted by the board to revise K.S.A 65-1444. The board is in the process of drafting new regulations pertaining to sedation permits. The additional language to K.S.A 65-1444 will provide the board statutory authority to take the disciplinary actions of revocation, suspension, limitation and fining sedation permits when there has been a violation of sedation requirements or unprofessional conduct. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Questions came from Senators Brungardt, Barnett, Schmidt and Emalene Correll regarding existing law, convictions, rules and regulations, language of the bill, and sedation alone vs. a broader scope.

The Chair asked that the staff revise the bill with The Kansas Dental Board and others to come to an agreement on how to proceed with the bill.

Chairman Barnett the closed the hearing on **HB 2214**.

The Chair then opened the hearing on **HB 2216**.

Hearing on HB 2216 – An act concerning dentists and dental hygienists; relating to licensure

Chairman Barnett called upon proponent conferee, Betty Wright, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board who stated that this bill was drafted by the Kansas Dental to revise K.S.A 65-1431. This statute refers to the current system of renewing licenses biennially. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee at 1:30 P.M. on March 7, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Questions came from Senators Barnett, Schmidt regarding clarification of the language, and language on 2nd page.

Chairman Barnett close the hearing on **HB 2216**.

The motion was made by Senator Schmidt to pass the bill out favorably on the consent calendar. It was seconded by Senator Brungardt and the motion carried.

Presentation by Phyllis Burdge

The Chair called upon Phyllis Burdge, WalkAbout Phyllosophies who presented her life's experiences and journeys of personal struggle and victories with disability, service dogs, illness, and celebration of life as a motivational speaker. Topics included:

- PB&J American WalkAbout
- WalkAbout Phyllosophies

A copy of her presentation material is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett announced that the final item on the agenda was for the Minutes for the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on March 1, 2007 to be approved.

The motion was made by Senator Jordan to approve the Minutes. It was seconded by Senator Haley and the motion carried.

Adjournment

As there were no more items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2007.

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

Please Sign In Mar. 7, 2007

Betty Wray

Michelle Peterson

KEVIN ROBERTSON

Ks Denture Board

Capitol Strategies

Ks DENTAL ASSN

Testimony re: **HB 2214**
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Presented by Betty Wright
March 7, 2007

Chairman Barnett and Members of the Committee:

My name is Betty Wright, and I am the Executive Director of the Kansas Dental Board. The Board consists of nine members: six dentists, two hygienists and one public member. The mission of the Dental Board is to protect the public through licensure and regulation of the dental profession.

HB 2214 was drafted by the board to revise **K.S.A 65-1444**. The board is in the process of drafting new regulations pertaining to sedation permits. The additional language to KSA 65-1444 will provide the board statutory authority to take the disciplinary actions of revocation, suspension, limitation and fining sedation permits when there has been a violation of sedation requirements or unprofessional conduct.

The house also amended the bill to include a change from HB2215 to grant statutory authority to collect fees for permits granted at **K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 65-1447(b)**. The list of fees the board shall collect is amended to include:

Sedation permit – not more than..... \$200

The board has proposed the bill and I am glad to stand for questions by the committee.

Sincerely,

Betty Wright
Executive Director

Senate Public Health and Welfare
Attachment #1
March 7, 2007
committee



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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

Testimony re: **HB 2216**
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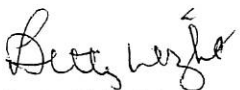
Chairman Barnett and Members of the Committee:

My name is Betty Wright, and I am the Executive Director of the Kansas Dental Board. The Board consists of nine members: six dentists, two hygienists and one public member. The mission of the Dental Board is to protect the public through licensure and regulation of the dental profession.

HB 2216 was drafted by the Kansas Dental Board to revise **K.S.A. 65-1431**. This statute refers to the current system of renewing licensees biennially. Since the board has been renewing dentists in even years, and hygienists in odd years, it has created an uneven revenue stream for the agency. The fact that we received our highest revenues the years when dentists renewed, then our lowest revenues the next year when hygienists renewed, caused problems with the budget for years. Every other year the board had to request Governor's Budget Amendments in order to meet its financial obligations. The legislature requested that the agency create an even revenue stream. The revision of KSA 65-1431 in HB2216 will allow the board to renew licenses every two years according to license numbers, rather than by profession. It allows a staggering of renewals, so that some licensees can be renewed for one year in order to adjust their renewals to conform with licensing the even numbered licensees on the even numbered years. The odd license numbers will renew for one year to conform to the odd years. By FY 2010 all licensees will be renewing biennially and the revenues through renewals will be evenly balance each year.

The board has proposed the bill and I am glad to stand for questions by the committee.

Sincerely,



Betty Wright
Executive Director

senate Public Health and Welfare
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Phyllis Burdge had the first service dog (for people with physical disabilities) in the state of Kansas. She worked to gain passage of public access legislation for assistance dogs. (Previous law addressed only guide dogs). After a blessing of spontaneous remission from multiple sclerosis (MS), she completed graduate school in IN, hospital chaplain residency in CO, and AmeriCorps VISTA service in KS. With supporters help, Phyllis and Justice, her third service dog, finished a walking, biking, driving tour from KS to FL and back in which she shared her story of hope & renewal, her experiences with service dogs, and her conviction that human potential exists quite separate from single factors such as age, gender, disability.

An experienced and highly motivated public speaker, Phyllis Burdge entertains and informs audiences of all ages and interests including

- students (elementary to university)
 - civic clubs (Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, etc)
 - support groups (MS, stroke, cancer, etc)
 - summer camps • libraries
 - senior citizens
 - disability organizations
 - Independent Living Centers
 - churches/religious (all denominations)
 - therapeutic riding • humane society
 - assistance dog puppy raisers
 - social workers • hospital staff
 - nurses • occupational/physical therapy
 - chaplains • correctional facilities
- and more

**All are
blessed with
opportunities
simply
to embrace life!**

*For information or
to schedule presentations*

WalkAbout Phyllosophies

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In each moment, hope.

In each life, value.

WalkAbout Phyllosophies

Phyllis Burdge & Justice, 2006



*It's NOT
about
ability
to walk*

*It's NOT
about
inability
to walk*

*It's about
living fully
in this
moment
of
NOW*

**Motivating
Professional Speaker
leaves audiences with
reason to celebrate
every life!**



Phyllis & Alex, 1992

Senate Public Health and Labor Committee
Attachment #3
March 7, 2007

Occasional glances backward help us to identify progress and recognize blessings.



Phyllis Burdge & service dog Justice (PB&J) Mentone AL during PB&J American WalkAbout

PB&J American WalkAbout

In the winter of 2005-06 Phyllis Burdge & Justice traveled by faith, foot, bike and auto, sharing her story with audiences from Kansas to Florida and back--unremarkable, until you learn that Burdge was unable to walk for over 12 years, spent two of those years on a bed and much time hospitalized.

WalkAbout Phyllosophies

She continues to speak and to touch people's hearts with her passion for life and her convictions about individual value and self worth. *Every individual has purpose . . . value . . . gifts to share with community and society, regardless of disability, chronic illness, age or any other other factor for which people are too often discounted.*

Individuals learn, laugh, cry and commit to new goals when revisiting simple truths in WalkAbout

Hear Phyllis speak!

Celebrate life with her—all life—as she informs, motivates and entertains with her stories of personal struggle and victory.

Topics relate to Experiencing life, Surviving extraordinary traumas and ordinary doldrums.

Topics might include:

- embracing life
- facing death
- individual value/self worth
- self-motivation
- disability
- multiple sclerosis (MS)
- chronic illness
- discrimination
- assistance dogs
- self-advocacy



Phyllis Burdge & Justice (2006)

Phyllis Burdge daily commits her regained strength and mobility to embracing life fully and urging others to do the same.

With advice to

“Squeeze the goo out of life!”

she motivates, encourages, inspires, educates and delights . . .

We are worthwhile simply because we are



Phyllis Burdge & first service dog Alex (1990)

Despite hospitalizations, pain, losses, and disabilities accompanying chronic illness, JOY can be a frequent visitor, as in any life, giving the heart reason to dance.

Simple truths still matter . . . perhaps now more than ever!

- We are worthwhile simply because we ARE
- We are worthwhile regardless of what we can or cannot do
- Life is made up of relationships in which each of us has needs to share and gifts to contribute
- Purpose lies not in what someone asks of us or in what we're paid to do but in living every moment to the fullest . . .

Celebrate life! Every moment of every day of EVERY LIFE!