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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 210, Memorial Hall at 2:00 p.m. on March 26

Representative Long moved and Representative Showalter seconded to move **SB 482** out as amended. The motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 630 - Kansas dental board executive director.**

Jerri A. Freed, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board, a proponent for **SB 630** testified that on page 7, lines 28 and 29 "Secretary Treasure" does not handle monies and should be referred to as "Secretary". On page 8, line 8 the board is proposing to update position to "Executive Director" (Attachment #1).

The Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 630.**

Representative Flaharty moved and Representative Long seconded to move **SB 630** out favorably. The motion carried.

The Chairman stated the rest of the meeting would be turned over to Vice Chairman Morrison, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Credentialing, to make a committee report on **SB 610 - Naturopathic doctor licensure act.**

Vice Chairman Morrison said the members had received the committee report that represents the work product that the sub-committee did on **SB 610** and thanked Chairman Boston and the members of the sub-committee for working so hard and diligently on this. Truly appreciate all of your hard work. Recommend you read this report as would save time when hearings are held. Several amendments have been suggested as a result of working with proponents and opponents. There was not formal testimony; we did not have proponents and opponents per se. We tried to get to the issue of licensing of alternative medicine areas and in this case that was naturopaths. These amendments represent that particular group. This is not necessarily all of the amendments expected to be offered. It was important, because of time, that the sub-committee take action and bring this to the full committee or if there was another sub-committee hearing would just run out of time. So much work has been done on this project and bringing out these issues, it was felt the full committee should at least have the benefit of the work that has been done to look it over and it is our recommendation that the full committee have hearings so the proponents and opponents may appear in formal fashion. Strongly recommend that the full committee accepts this report and does in fact agree to put on the calendar and work this bill. It will save a good deal of time if everyone reads this report before the hearings so many of the questions you have might be answered in the report. It is my opinion, only speaking for myself, there is a universe of alternative care; reflexologists, herbalists, naturopaths, acupuncture, light and many other fields coming out. Some could potentially harm the public. There is going to be a need, if not now, to look at regulation of these organizations. The purpose is not to advise but would like to move board of alternative care of licensed people.

Chairman Boston said the bill that exists now, and what we will be working is the bill that is in our books. The sub-committee is making suggestions and recommendations. We will move to accept the report then have full hearings and work the bill by the entire committee. We will work one more time as a standing committee with testimony from the public. As we work this we will only go over the suggested amendments if there are questions.

Vice Chairman Morrison stated the recommendation is to have the full committee look at the report and can vote to accept report, but that does not mean they approve this legislation. Later the committee can work the bill and it would be appropriate for them to accept the full amendment and amend it in the usual process. That is only our suggestion.

Representative Welshimer stated a couple of things on the sub-committee balloon needed to be changed. On page 2, line 16, remove "manipulative therapy" and on page 7 remove paragraph (14) under section 11 in amendment.

The Chairman asked the committee's pleasure on accepting the sub-committee report?

Representative Showalter moved and Representative Welshimer seconded to accept the Sub-Committee on Credentialing Report. The motion carried.

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The Chairman said this is the critical part, the next thing we are going to try to do, right now as of Saturday is drop dead day and if this bill is not blessed by the Speaker it is dead. We don't have time right now to notice up for public hearings. I have asked the Speaker 3 different times and will write a formal letter asking for the bill to be blessed and can not tell you what the answer to that is going to be. If it is not blessed it would die Friday. With the amount of work that has been put into it and the status of it right now I think we owe it to everybody to try very hard to try to get a product out and we have had this issue 3 different times over the past few years and this is the best product we have had and would like to go ahead and have public hearings but do not know what time the hearing would be. Would like to have the hearing for proponents and opponents no longer than 3 days. If it gets to the point where we had 50 or 60 people wanting to speak both in favor and in opposition, at that time would have to ask both to name their best 7 or 8 people to testify and restrict as much as possible as there just isn't enough time. We are on a fast track and first of all we have to see if the bill is blessed and suggest in the meantime that each of the committee members go through the report this weekend and familiarize yourself with the material because when we come back we will have the hearings and try to work as soon as possible. It was suggested that committee members ask the sub-committee members if they have any questions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

