

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 17, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ms. Janet Schlansky, Secretary of
Social and Rehabilitation Services
Mr. Roderick L. Bremby, Candidate as
Secretary of Health & Environment

Others attending: See attached guest list

Confirmation Hearing

Upon calling the meeting to order, the Chair announced there would be a confirmation hearing. Chairperson Wagle then introduced Ms. Janet Schlansky, Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Ms. Schlansky provided remarks as to her qualifications and background and then stood for questions by the Committee.

Questions and comments came from Senators Salmans, Harrington, Wagle, and Barnett, and Ms. Correll ranging from when offices close, are you trying to maintain personnel at other facilities (ex. Leasing or hospitals) and are there studies being conducted, in rural areas, consumers are so reliant on social workers (ex, some can't make their own phone calls), views of tough times and a new administration, homeless to work, statutory authority, to how the legislature can help to reduce SRS's future workload.

As Ms. Schlansky had fielded all questions posed by the Committee, Senator Steineger moved to confirm Ms. Janet Schlansky as Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Senator Haley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairperson Wagle then introduced Mr. Roderick L. Bremby for confirmation of his appointment as Secretary of Health and Environment.

Mr. Bremby also provided remarks as to his qualifications and background and then stood for questions by the Committee.

And again, a range of questions from Senators Haley, Wagle, and Salmans and Ms. Correll included: in working with Governor Sebelius what do you envision some of the roles for well-rounded directive for health and environment, do you see some areas that might be accented and that might be assisted by your leadership (both as a part of the Sebelius team and your experience) that we might look toward and assist from the legislative perspective, protection of ground water, thoughts on inspections (ex. duplicates, overlapping), what is your mission (connected with a vision), connect the what and the why with the how, to the Department of Health and Environment agency depending on contracts with local people (needing to be more uniform, local ordinances and issues)

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Upon Mr. Brenby fielding all questions posed by the Committee, Senator Harrington moved to confirm Mr. Roderick L. Bremby as Secretary of Health and Environment. Senator Barnett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Action on SB132 - an act concerning automated external defibrilators

The Chair closed the hearing and asked the Committee if they wanted to act on the above bill. Senator Steineger made a motion to move the bill out as amended favorably. This was seconded by Senator Harrington. The motion carried.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the Chair again congratulated the two new Secretaries. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2003.