

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:36 P.M. on March 9, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Late Arrival

Jordan	1:39
Journey	1:42
Haley	1:50-Excused

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Diana Lee, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Debra Billingsley, Executive Secretary- Kansas Board of Pharmacy

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on HB 2830—Concerning pharmacists and pharmacy; relating to registration of pharmacies

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett opened the hearing on **HB 2830**, and asked Norm Furse to read and explain the language in **HB 2830**.

Chairman Barnett called upon proponent conferee, Debra Billingsley, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy stated **HB 2830** would amend a portion of the statute that sets requirements for pharmacy technician registration, and that the language be amended to permit the technician to register first with the Board and then the technician would have 30 days to take and pass a test. She also stated that the second portion of the bill would require the Board to have a unanimous vote before they can make any changes to the pharmacy technician ratio regulation. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Brungardt, V. Schmidt, Palmer, Wagle, and Emalene Correll and Norm Furse regarding ratio, rules and regulations, board votes, national certification ratio, testing, prescription verification, locations, other state's ratios, and registration.

With no further discussion or conferees, Chairman Barnett closed the hearing on **HB 2830**.

The motion was made by Senator V. Schmidt to move the bill out favorably. It was seconded by Senator Brungardt and the motion carried.

Hearing on HB 2831—concerning pharmacists and pharmacy; relating to the accreditation council for pharmacy.

Chairman Barnett opened the hearing on **HB 2831**, and asked Norm Furse to review and explain **HB 2831** for the Committee.

The Chair called upon proponent conferee, Debra Billingsley, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy stated that HB 2831 is a housekeeping matter that changes the name of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education to Accreditation Council for Pharmacy. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senator Palmer

CONTINUATION SHEET

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regarding pharmacists giving vaccines.

With no further discussion or conferees, Chairman Barnett closed the hearing on **HB 2831**.

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

Discussion took place on SB 546—An act concerning the board of emergency medical services; establishing a statewide data collection system

Chairman Barnett directed the Committee's attention to **SB 546** with a balloon that has been passed out to each member. Various parts of the bill especially section 3, concerned the conferees with Emergency Medical Services. The Chair called upon Robert Waller, Administrator, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services to come before the Committee to hear from him for an update on what has transpired currently with the bills changes.

Waller states that **SB 546** is a data collection bill. Essentially what he did in relation to the concerns that the regions had, they held a Kansas Emergency Medical Service Association Meeting the Friday after the bill's hearing. A discussion took place with members of the six regions and it was collectively decided that in this point of time, putting the penalty in the bill, without a data collection system up and running would be fruitless. So they are deleting section three relating to penalties and those attending the meeting fully supports this measure.

The Chair asked for questions from the Committee. There was a discussion between Senators Palmer, Haley, V. Schmidt, Barnett, Emalene Correll, Norm Furse, and Diana Lee regarding section two's identification, HIPAA regulations, HIPAA incorporated into bill, HIPAA confidentiality, actual reason for bill, links to receive data collection flow, data's existence to improve training, surrounding states language of similar bill, grants, rural options health grants, American Medical Response concern, technicalities with Emergency Medical Operators, existing budget, and the meaning of the word "criminal" in bill language. Senators Schmidt and Haley specifically stated that Penalty could be enacted at a later date.

Due to other conferees working on **SB 546** with the Emergency Medical Services, who are working on call and unable to attend this discussion, the Chair asks the Committee if this bill can be further discussed in the March 15, 2006 meeting and the Committee agreed.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2006.