

Approved: March 2, 2000

Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
 Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
 Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
 JoAnn Buntun, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Approval of Committee minutes

Senator Steineger made a motion to approve the Committee minutes of February 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2000, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Action on SB 598 - Ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians

Staff briefed the Committee on a balloon of the bill showing proposed amendments agreed to by the Board of Pharmacy and the Kansas Retail Council, affiliate of KCCI. (Attachment 1) Senator Becker made a motion to adopt the amendments in the balloon of the bill, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Senator Steineger made a motion the Committee recommend **SB 598 as amended** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

Action on SB 397 - Allowing licensed professional counselors to practice without direction if such counselor does not diagnose

Staff briefed the Committee on a balloon of the bill showing proposed amendments which was described as technical clean-up language defining terms used by the board under rules and regulations. (Attachment 2)
Senator Jones made a motion to adopt the amendments shown in the balloon of the bill, seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

Senator Jones made a motion that the Committee recommend **SB 397 as amended** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion carried.

Action on SB 372 - Aged persons; long-term care

Staff briefed the Committee on K.S.A. 75-5956 relating to long-term care services that **SB 372** would repeal. A member of the Committee expressed concern with repeal of the statute that referenced expedited service delivery/presumptive eligibility and access availability to the frail/elderly. The Chair called the Committee's attention to a letter from Connie Hubbell, Secretary of the Department on Aging, that answered questions relating to budget changes in the Department on Aging and repealing of services defined in the statute. (Attachment 3)

The Chair suggested the Secretary on Aging be invited to brief the Committee at a future date on the expedited service delivery program for the elderly in order to address some of the concerns expressed with **SB 372**.

Senator Becker made a motion the Committee recommend **SB 372** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, Room 526-S, Statehouse, at 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 2000.

Action on SB 599 - Physician assistant licensure

Doug Smith, representing the Kansas Academy of Physician Assistants, and Mark Stafford, legal counsel for the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, briefed the Committee on a balloon of **SB 599** that would clarify and add technical language to the bill that would license physician assistants. (Attachment 4) Staff called the Committee's attention to the definition section of the Healing Arts Act (Attachment 5) and suggested rather than amending current statutes, current statutes be repealed and replaced by new sections in the bill. The Revisor noted that a **Substitute Bill for SB 599** would be in order. Senator Steineger made a motion to incorporate the amendments to create a Substitute bill for SB 599, and that the Committee recommend Sub SB 599 favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Hearing on SB 510 - Procedure for licensure under the dental practice act

The Chair briefed the Committee on an amendment to **SB 510** proposed by the Kansas Dental Board and the Kansas Dental Hygienists Association with some concerns expressed by KDHA. (Attachment 6) Senator Lee made a motion to adopt the amendments, seconded by Senator Jones. The motion carried.

Senator Jones made a motion the Committee recommend SB 510 as amended favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion carried;

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2000.