

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 3:20 P.M. on March 22, 2006 in Room RAILS of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Pete Brungardt- excused

Committee staff present:
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

Action on HB 2825—An act providing for establishment of a voluntary data bank of available interpreters for certain purposes and development of qualifications for interpreters

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett asked Norm Furse to review **HB 2825** and read the new balloons that were attached and handed out to the Committee. A copy of the balloons are (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Questions came from Senator Haley regarding if a significant change would effect the fiscal note.

Chairman Barnett provided a information about “Limited English Proficiency and the Americans with Disabilities Act” that was handed out to the Committee. He stated that there was a concern because already in existence is Former President Clinton’s Executive Order in 2000 which is intended to improve access to services for person with limited English proficiency.

The Chair recognized Vice Chair V. Schmidt who stated that actually President Bush had re-enforced in 2004 the same Executive Order, but thinks that this should be given thought out of respect for their colleague House Representative Garcia who had done a great deal of work on this bill.

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

The substitute motion was made by Senator Wagle to table the bill. It was seconded by Senator Palmer and the motion carries.

Action on HB 2649—An act concerning heath care; relating to a pain patient’s bill of rights

Chairman Barnett called upon Norm Furse to review the proposed substitute for **HB 2649** that was handed out to the Committee. A copy of the proposed substitute for **HB 2649** is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Questions came from Senators V Schmidt, Palmer, Barnett, and Wagle regarding page 2 part D, what changes will occur in bill, selling prescriptions, better language, what it allows physicians to prescribe, and guidelines.

The motion was made by Senator V. Schmidt to amend to change “shall” to “may” on part (d) section 4. It was seconded by Senator Haley.

The Chair recognized Dan Mortin with the Kansas Medical Society who stated that there are guidelines that the Board of Healing Arts has right now, but they are looking into further revision of them based on the interest of this issue, it is a complicated issue. Now that the awareness has been raised with this bill, The Board of Healing Arts is going to retake the issue up and maybe revise some existing guidelines regarding the treatment of pain.

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The motion was made by Senator V. Schmidt to withdraw her previous motion.

The motion was made by Senator V. Schmidt to move the amendment offered by Norm Furse. It was seconded by Senator Wagle and the motion carried.

The motion was made by Senator V. Schmidt to move the bill out favorably as a substitute bill. It was seconded by Senator Wagle and the motion carried.

The Chair recognized Senator Haley who would like his no vote to be recorded.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.