

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 12, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Mr. Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Stephen Haught, President, Kansas Dental Board
Ms. Kevin Robertson, Executive Director
Kansas Dental Association

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Hearing on SB 160 - dental practices act; licensure and fees.

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle introduced Dr. Stephen R. Haught, President, Kansas Dental Board, as the first to give proponent testimony for **SB 160**. Dr. Haught referred to his testimony as a "clean-up" request focusing on the elimination of the requirement that the hygienist be an employee of the State of Kansas, asking for removal of the age label, and a statutory increase in fees for the Kansas Dental Board. A copy of Dr. Haught's testimony is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

The second conferee called upon was Mr. Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association. Mr. Robertson stated he represented 80% of the practicing dentists and that the KDA had no concerns with the bill as presented to the Committee. A copy of Mr. Robertson's testimony is (Attachment #2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Hearing on SB 212 - use of certain names by dentists.

As there was no opponent or neutral testimony or questions or concern from the Committee, Chairperson Wagle moved onto the hearing of **SB 212**. As in the first hearing above, the first proponent conferee to come before the committee was Dr. Haught. He testified that the Kansas Dental Board's chief concern is that the business configuration is not a solid base for informing the consumer about whom and how care may be extended. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment #3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

The second proponent conferee to come before the Committee was Mr. Kevin Robertson. He stated the issue was simply one of fairness and that the disparity in the law is worth correcting. A copy of his testimony (Attachment #4) is attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Following testimony, Chairperson Wagle requested comments or questions from the Committee. A discussion ensued regarding a Supreme Court decision concerning some advertising names (ex. "painless") that Senator Harrington asked of Mr. Robertson. More questions from Ms. Correll, Senators Haley, and Salmans ranging from licensees of retired status when they return to work, is there a fee, are there other parts of medicine where this happens, to are we setting a consistent standard by approving this amendment, were answered by Mr. Jerry Frees, Director of the Kansas Dental Board.

Adjournment

With no further comments or questions from the Committee, Chairperson Wagle thanked the conferees for their testimony. As it was 2:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2001.