

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on March 6, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Mr. Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Rebecca Zapick, Intern for Senator Barnett
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached guest list.

Upon calling the meeting to order, the minutes of January 25, February 8, 12, 13,14,15,19, 20, and 28 were placed before the committee. Committee members were asked to call Ms. Cianciarulo with request for changes. Chairperson Wagle then announced there would be a hearing on two bills and asked that Mr. Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes, give an overview on both of the bills

Mr. Furse began with HB 2497, an act concerning the committee on economic development renaming such committee. He stated the bill was introduced by the House committee on Appropriations. The Standing Committee of the House of Economic Development has changed this year to "Standing Committee on New Economy". This change was shown throughout the 19 pages of the bill. Two technical internal references were made in lines 19 and 37 of those section references and have been repealed and the correct references inserted in lieu thereof. Mr. Furse stood before the committee for questions.

As there were no questions on the above bill, Chairperson Wagle offered some background on the next bill to be heard. She stated there were lots of changes in joint committees and that the leadership in the Senate discussed these changes with the minority leader and with the leadership of the House to come up with SB 336. She then asked Mr. Furse to present an overview of the bill.

Mr. Furse stated that SB 336 related to two things: 1) it makes the changes that the Senate made this year in its rules on its standing committee so it's similar in intent in that regard to HB 2497 and some changes to current joint committees, and 2) some sections would be repealed. Copies of these repealed sections are (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. He stood before the committee for questions.

Questions from Senators Haley, Steineger, Harrington, Wagle, and Praeger, and Ms. Correll was asked of Mr. Furse ranging from: will the children's committee be repealed, all of these being germane to each other, to how did this reach the Public Health & Welfare Committee?

With no more questions, Chairperson Wagle suggested that the committee take some time to digest the information and they would discuss the bills again at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held March 7, in the regular meeting room at 1:30 p.m.