

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 January 31, 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. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mr. Mack Smith, Executive Secretary
State Board of Mortuary Arts of Kansas
Ms. Teresa Higgins, President,
Kansas Dental Hygienist Association
Ms. Ann Bedroll, RDH, BS
Manager of Dental Hygiene Education
American Hygienist Association
Ms. Denise Baseman, RDH, BS,
Dental Hygiene Department Chairperson
Wichita State University
Ms. Margaret LoGiudice, RDH, MS,
Director, Dental Hygiene Program
Johnson County Community College
Ms. Gracemary Melvin, Dean of Curriculum
Colby Community College
Mr. Ron Gaches, Lobbyist,
Gaches, Braden, Barbee & Associates

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Introduction of bill

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle recognized Mr. Mack Smith, Executive Secretary, State Board of Mortuary Arts of Kansas. Mr. Mack came before the board for a bill introduction, (Irs0565) regarding "an act concerning the Kansas state board of mortuary arts regulating crematories; amending K.S.A. 65-1723 and 67-1732 & KS A. 2000 Supp. 65-1727 & repealing the existing sections." A copy of the amendment is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Mr. Mack was thanked for his time and coming before the board.

Hearing on SB 50 - elimination of the dental assistant sunset provision.

The Chairperson then continued on to **SB 50** recognizing Ms. Teresa Higgins, President of Kansas Dental Hygienist Association. Ms. Higgins gave opponent testimony to the Committee. A written copy of her testimony and handout are (Attachment #2 and 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Ms. Ann Bedroll, RDH, BS, Manager of Dental Hygiene Education, was the next to give opponent testimony to the Committee. A copy of the written testimony and handouts are (Attachments #4 and 5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

The next speaker to come before the Committee was Ms. Denise Baseman, Dental Hygiene Department Chairperson, Wichita State University. The testimony Ms. Baseman gave was much the same as the previous two speakers, but included the extensive educational program of which some programs included are general education, biomedical sciences, dental sciences, and dental hygiene sciences. The total number of college credit hours for the degree is 81 credit hours. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment #6) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference.

Ms. Margaret LoGiudice, RDH, MS, Director, Dental Hygiene Program, offered opponent testimony to the Committee. She was able to include in her testimony that technical schools, which offer the dental assistant scaling programs are not accredited by the same accrediting agencies that accredit the colleges offering the dental assistant scaling programs and therefore anyone completing these courses cannot transfer these credits for hygiene courses. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment #7) is attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. She also included with her testimony a “Report of the Dental Hygienist Training Committee” from January 11, 1999. (See Attachment #8)

Next to come before the Committee to give opponent testimony was Ms. Gracemary Melvin, Dean of Curriculum, Colby Community College. Ms. Melvin’s presentation was based on material as to whether or not to start a dental hygiene program and how to determine if one was needed or not; things to do and not to do; players; status, accomplishments; grant support progress; to “what is next?” A copy of Ms. Melvin’s presentation is (Attachment #9) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference

Last but not least to present opponent testimony to the Committee was Mr. Ron Gashes, Lobbyist, Gashes, Braden, Barbee & Associates, on behalf of the Kansas Dental Hygienists’ Association. Mr. Gashes spoke to the Committee about the 2020 Plan, which is a new dental workforce creating three tiers of dental assistants. A copy of Mr. Gashes testimony and handout are (Attachment #10 and 11) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

With all of the testimony presented, the Committee then was able to present their questions to the conferees. Questions were asked by Senators, Harrington, Steineger, Praeger and Chairwoman Wagle. The questions ranged from statistics showing harm done, to details of the problem nationwide.

Adjournment

As the Senate was meeting on the floor at 2:30 p.m., Chairperson Wagle adjourned the meeting and said they would address Senator Salmans questions at the next Committee meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2001.