

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 5, 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  
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: Ms. Joyce Volmut, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Medically Underserved

Others attending: See attached guest list.

**Action on SB 305 - Required testing for hepatitis B for persons charged with certain offenses.**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle called attention to the handouts before the Committee which consisted of Fiscal Notes from the Division of the Budget. Of particular interest was the Fiscal Note for **SB 305**. After having the opportunity to review, Chairperson Wagle asked if the Committee felt comfortable working the bill. Senator Brungardt made a motion to pass SB 305. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Hearing on HB 2210 - distribution and control of drugs in indigent health care & federally qualified health centers.**

Next on the agenda was a hearing for **HB 2210**. Chairperson Wagle asked that Mr. Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes, give a brief overview of the bill. The highlights of his overview included: the addition of indigent health care clinics and federally qualified health centers, the list of entities that may keep drugs for the purpose of distributing them to patients being treated and additional language in section 1 *for an advanced registered nurse practitioner*, noting that these ARNP's are registered nurses, and *licensed physician assistant*.

Chairperson Wagle asked the Committee if they had questions or comments. Questions were asked from Senators Steineger and Praeger and Ms. Correll and answered by Mr. Furse and Ms. Susan Linn, Executive Secretary, Kansas State Board of Pharmacy, ranging from ARNP language being redundant, do pharmacists need to be on site each day, to inquiries on FQHC's.

With no further discussion, Chairperson Wagle introduced the only conferee to testify, Ms. Joyce Volmut, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Medically Underserved. As a proponent, Ms. Volmut asked that the words medically indigent clinics, as defined by the Secretary of Health and Environment and FQHC's be added to the current Kansas statute concerning pharmaceutical storage in specific medical facilities. A copy of her written testimony is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Written proponent testimony was also provided by Ms. Terry Roberts, Executive director, Kansas State Nursing Association and Ms. Susan Linn, Executive Secretary, Kansas State Board of Pharmacy. Copies of their written testimonies are (Attachment #2 and 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

As there was no opponent or neutral testimony, a question and answer discussion followed with Senators Praeger and Barnett with Ms. Volmut regarding ARNP title.

**Action on HB 2210**

Senator Praeger moved to amend **HB 2210** by striking the words “Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner.” Senator Steineger seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Steineger then motioned to move **HB 2210** out of the Committee favorably as amended. Senator Praeger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Hearing on HB 2457 - physician assistant licensure act external statutory references.**

The next order of business was the hearing on **HB 2457**. Again Chairperson Wagle requested Mr. Furse give an overview of the bill. Mr. Furse stated that technical changes were made in statutes to accurately reflect that physician’s assistants are licensed individuals under the Physicians Assistants Licensure Act and that two statutes, amended twice in the 2000 Session, are reconciled and the duplicate statutes repealed. He stood before the Committee for questions.

**Action on HB 2457**

As there were none, Senator Salmans moved to pass the **HB 2457** as is. Senator Praeger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2001.