

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 11:45 a.m. on March 29, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention to discussion of:

SB 603—Drug coverage

Senator Kerr explained proposed language and wording by those in the mental health field regarding selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI) which was also accepted by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS).

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to amend and replace Section 2 with proposed language regarding mental health (Attachment 1) and language regarding Medicaid recipients (Attachment 2) into proposed Substitute for SB 603. Committee discussion followed. Senator Kerr requested that the minutes reflect, as part of the subcommittee's report, its direction to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services staff to begin accounting for rebates within the pharmacy budget to allow the true cost of pharmaceuticals to be assessed. The current accounting practice of SRS is to fold rebate receipts into the overall Medicaid budget. Senator Barone requested that the minutes reflect that there were differences of opinion and request for more data and study before SRS goes in that direction. Dr. Robert Day, Director of Medical Services/Medicaid, SRS, mentioned that they would prefer that they be given the dollar that the Legislature wants them to get to and that they get to it through some combination working with the pharmacist between dispensing fee and the discount. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to recommend Substitute for SB 603 favorable for passage as amended. (Attachment 3) Committee discussion followed. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Huelskamp, to approve the minutes of the February 20, February 21 and February 22, 2002 committee meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2002.