

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:30 P.M. on March 9, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Susan Wagle- excused

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Whitney Nordstrom, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ron Hein, Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists

Mark Stafford, Kansas Board of Healing Arts

Karen Greenlee, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on HB 2330

HB 2330– Effective date of certain provisions of radiologic technologists practices act, and title abbreviations for certain radiologic technologists

Upon calling the meeting to order the Chair announced there would be a hearing on **HB 2330**, an act concerning the radiologic technologists practices act; amending K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 65-7303, 65-7304, 65-7306, 65-7310, 65-7314 and 65-7315 and repealing the existing sections. Chairperson Barnett first requested that Mr. Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes, give a brief overview of the bill.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Mr. Furse, the Chair called upon the first proponent to testify. Ron Hein, Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists, stated in his testimony that he does not believe that there are any substantive changes of note in this legislation which would adversely impact or affect any other interested groups or health care providers. I would leave to the will of the Committee and the Chairman as to whether or not this noncontroversial bill is appropriate for the consent calendar. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Mr. Hein, Chairperson Barnett called upon the second proponent conferee to testify. Mark Stafford, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, stated that the Board urges this Committee to recommend **HB 2330** favorably for passage so that the Board can continue to proceed with the steps necessary to license individuals as radiologic technologists as provided by the statutes. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Mr. Stafford, the Chair asks the Committee if they would like to take action on the above bill.

Senator Journey motioned to pass legislation favorably and recommend that it be placed on the consent calendar. Senator Palmer seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Hearing on HB 2154

HB 2154– Repeal of K.S.A. 65-1627d, 65-1627e and 65-1627g

The next order of business was a hearing on **HB 2154**, an act concerning pharmacists; relating to hearings; repealing K.S.A. 65-1627d, 65-1627e and 65-1627g. Chairperson Barnett first requested that Terri Weber, Legislative Research Department, give a brief overview of the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee at 1:30 P.M. on March 9, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Weber, and there were no conferees, the Chair asked the Committee if they would like to take action on the above bill.

Senator Journey motioned to move legislation favorably and recommend that it be placed on the consent calendar. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Hearing on **HB 2153**

HB 2153– Secretary of aging, state long-term care ombudsman

The next order of business was a hearing on **HB 2153**, an act concerning the secretary of aging; relating to the long-term care ombudsman; amending K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-7306 and 75-7310 and repealing the existing sections. Chairperson Barnett first requested that Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department, give a brief overview of the bill.

As there were no questions and/or comments for Ms. Correll, Vice Chair V. Schmidt called upon the first proponent conferee to testify. Kathy Greenlee, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, stated in her testimony that the above legislation is a technical clean-up bill that has been introduced at the request of the Secretary of Aging and myself. Prior to proposing this legislation, I consulted with representatives from KDOA, KDHE, and SRS. All three agencies concur with the proposed technical changes. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Vice Chair V. Schmidt asks the Committee for any questions and/or comments for Ms. Greelee.

Senator Palmer asks if an individual suspects the abuse/neglect of their mother in a facility, who would they contact.

As there were no further questions and/or comments, Vice Chair V. Schmidt asks the Committee if they would like to take action on the above bill.

Emalene Correll recommends specific technical clean-up.

Senator Haley motioned to accept recommended amendments. Senator Brungardt seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Senator Haley motioned to pass legislation favorably. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2005.