

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on February 3, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department  
JoAnn Buntun, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Dr. Kelly Douglass, President, Kansas Dental Board  
Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association  
Teresa Higgins, President, Kansas Dental Hygienists Association  
Debra Jennings, Braiden Maidens  
Bob L. Corkins, Executive Director, Kansas Public Policy Institute  
Dr. Richard D. Iliff, American Academy of Family Physicians

Others attending: See attached list

**Hearing on: SB 510 – Procedure for licensure under the dental practices act**

Dr. Kelly Douglass, President of the Kansas Dental Board, appeared before the Committee in support of **SB 510** which would clarify that the Dental Practices Act does not apply to dental and hygiene students and instructors in an approved school or course of instruction. The bill also adds limited liability companies to the definition of a professional corporation as dental practices that may use trade names. Dr. Douglass also pointed out that other changes in the bill addressed the need to allow reinstatement of a license as noted in his written testimony. (Attachment 1) Also speaking in support of the bill was Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association. (Attachment 2)

Speaking in opposition to specific portions of the bill was Teresa Higgins, President of the Kansas Dental Hygienists Association. She noted they have concerns with new language on page 4, lines 17 through 22 of the bill and question why the dental board is addressing dental students when there is no school for dental students in Kansas. Ms. Higgins offered new language for this section of the bill as noted in her written testimony. (Attachment 3)

The Chair suggested the Dental Hygienists and Kansas Dental Board confer and attempt to reach a compromise on language for portions of the bill in disagreement and bring the compromise language back to the Committee. The Chair also noted that the Committee would be holding informal hearings on dental access issues in the following weeks.

**Hearing on: SB 513 – Cosmetology; braiding not considered cosmetology**

Debra Jennings, Braiden Maidens, appeared before the Committee in support of **SB 513**. The bill would define the braiding of hair and exclude braiding from the list of professions regulated by the Board of Cosmetology. Ms. Jennings gave a brief history of the Braiden Maidens, hair braiding at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival, confrontation with the Board of Cosmetology, and the circumstances that lead them to justify support of the bill as noted in her written testimony. (Attachment 4)

Bob Corkins, President and Executive Director of the Kansas Public Policy Institute, expressed his support for **SB 513**, and noted that the Board of Cosmetology may have been created with good intentions to protect the people of Kansas, but the board has evolved, however, into a bureaucratic conglomeration of rules and regulations that go far beyond protecting public health and safety as noted in his written testimony. (Attachment 5) Also speaking in support of the bill was Dr. Richard Iliff, American Academy of Family Physicians. (Attachment 6) Opponents of the bill will be heard on February 4, 2000.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2000.