

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:35 P.M. on February 8, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Diana Lee, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Michael Bond, Public Finance Economist

Others attending:

See attached list.

Vice Chairwoman V. Schmidt offered information on the Minimum age requirements for joining the NMDP Registry.

Presentation on Kansas Specific Proposal for Medicaid Reform

Upon calling the meeting to order Chairman Barnett introduced, Dr. Michael Bond, Public Finance Economist who began by stating a brief overview of his Biography, and that he would be giving a detailed presentation on a Kansas specific proposal for Medicaid reform. Highlights of his presentation include:

Biography of Michael Bond, Ph.D., Senior Fellow in Health Care Policy

Flint hills center studies addressing Medicaid fiscal issues.

Reforming Medicaid In Kansas: A Market-Based Approach

What's wrong with Medicaid

1. Reform Step 1: Create an insurance and provider exchange
2. Reform Step 2: All plans will be prepaid
3. Reform Step 3: The Medicaid health credit will be actuarially risk-adjusted
4. Reform Step 4: Medicaid will reinsure smaller plan
5. Reform Step 5: All beneficiaries will receive "reverse" health saving accounts
6. Reform Step 6: The disabled and elderly will enroll in prepaid plans
7. Reform Step 7: Allow Medicaid beneficiaries to buy into private plans
8. Reform Step 8: All market-distorting practices and policies are discontinued
9. What happens in real markets for health care
10. Summary and conclusion
11. About the author, Michael Bond, Ph.D.

A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senator Brungardt reform on Medicaid in Kansas.

Action on SB 426

SB 426—An act relating minors; concerning the donation of blood

Chairman Barnett then asked the Committee if there was no objection that he would like to ask the Committee to reconsider its action on SB 426. The Chair has made presented the Committee with a

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee at 1:35 P.M. on February 8, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

document called "White Paper," about bone marrow, and actual age of donations. A copy of his document is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. The Chair raised the question if it would be better at this point in time to return to the base bill.

Senator Wagle made a motion to reconsider the action on SB 426 and return to the bill. It was seconded by Senator V. Schmidt.

Senator Journey stated that he thought the appropriate procedure is to grant the motion to reconsider and then go back and refer to the appropriate language, and another motion to move it out after it has been agreed to amend it.

The Chair responded that he had contacted Norm Furse about how to go about this situation , and if it is done by consensus then the Committee can have an actual vote.

The Chair asked to have a vote on reconsideration of the bill, and the motion carried.

Chairman Barnett then confirmed with Norm Furse the proper procedure on how to advance the bill without the amendment..

Senator Journey made the motion to withdraw the amendment. It was seconded by Senator V. Schmidt and the motion passed.

The Chair stated that they needed to advance the bill.

Senator V. Schmidt made the motion to move SB 426 in its original form out favorably. It was seconded by Senator Palmer and the motion passed.

Action on HB 2284 **HB 2284–Right to breastfeed; jury duty exception**

Chairman Barnett asked the Committee what they wanted to do with this bill.

Senator V. Schmidt made a motion to move **HB 2284** out favorably. It was seconded by Senator Brungardt.

The Chair stated that the Committee would take the bill back out as it was returned to them, to the full Senate to have their opportunity again to vote or amend the bill.

The motion passed.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9 , 2006.