

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Morrison at 1:33 p.m. on March 25, 2003, in Room 243-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Holland and Long, both of whom were excused.

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Kansas Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

A motion was made, seconded and passed to open discussion on **SB 225**.

The Chair reviewed the work of interested parties in coming to an agreement that resulted in the balloon amendment to the bill. (Attachment 1) Chip Wheelen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine, requested a notation in the minutes that KAOM did not participate in the agreement.

Staff Bill Wolff noted that the balloon represented all the details covered during the previous day's meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the balloon amendment to **SB 225**.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend **SB 225** as amended favorable for passage.

Many members commended the physical therapists for completing the credentialing process and the different groups who worked hard to adjust their differences in order to produce the present bill, observing that the Committee would be remiss if it did not pass the bill out favorably. Other members commended the Chair for serving as a catalyst to bring the groups together in an agreement. Some members expressed concern that the Committee did not have enough time to fully explore the implications of the bill. One member commended the process for being sensitive to the interrelationships in the health-care field by allowing those presently working in health-care fields to provide testimony on the bill.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. Representative Showalter volunteered to carry the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. No further meeting was scheduled.