

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bethell at 9:04 am. on February 15, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Scott Schwab – absent  
Representative Ron Worley – excused  
Representative Kay Wolf – excused  
Representative Broderick Henderson – excused  
Representative Brian Weber - excused

Committee staff present:

Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Craig Callahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Evelyn Walters, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Cindy Luxem, Kansas Health Care Association  
Joe Ewert, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging  
Mitzi McFatrigh, KS Advocates for Better Care  
Belinda Vierthaler, Ombudsman

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Bethell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the committee meetings for January 18, 20, 25, 27, February 3, 8, and 10. Representative Moore made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Gonzales. The motion carried.

Chairman Bethell opened the Hearing on:

**HB 2148 – Increasing the certification requirements for Continuing Care Retirement facilities**

Katherine McBride, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the bill contents. A question was asked by Representative Moore. Katherine provided clarification of a technical amendment to be presented later.

Proponent:

Cindy Luxem, Kansas Health Care Association, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). Questions were asked by Representative Flaharty.

Neutral:

Joe Ewert, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging provided neutral testimony. No questions were asked. (Attachment 2).

No other conferees on **HB 2148**.

Chairman Bethell closed the hearing on **HB 2148** at 9:19 am.

Chairman Bethell opened the hearing on:

**HB 2110 - Establishment of LTC Ombudsman advisory committee on advocacy options within the home**

Katherine McBride, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the bill contents. No questions were asked.

Chairman Bethell asked Representative Flaharty, Ranking Minority to chair meeting while he stepped out to take page pictures.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Aging & Long Term Care Committee at 9:00 am on February 15, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Proponents:

Mitzi McFatrach, KS Advocates for Better Care, spoke in support of the bill. (Attachment 3). Questions were asked by Representative Flaharty.

Belinda Vierthaler, Ombudsman, spoke in support of the bill. (Attachment 4). Questions were asked by Representative Moore and Representative Flaharty.

No other conferees on **HB 2110**.

Ranking Minority, Representative Flaharty closed the hearing.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 am.