

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 February 7, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Mark Gilstrap- excused

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jim Wilson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Bill Leeds

Paula Marment, MS, RD, LD, Director, Office of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Terri Roberts, Executive Director, Kansas State Nurses Association

Mary Jayne Hellebust, Director, Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, Inc.

Senator Haley

Teresa Schwab, Executive Director, Oral Health Kansas

Marcia Manter, ECP Project Coordinator, Oral Health Kansas

Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association

Ron Gaches, Gaches, Braden, Barbee and Associates

Others attending:

See attached list.

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett opened the hearing for **SB 250**.

Hearing on SB 250 – An act concerning motor vehicles; prohibiting smoking when certain children are in motor vehicle

The chair called upon Nobuko Folmsbee to read and explain **SB 250**.

Chairman Barnett called upon first proponent conferee, Dr. Bill Leeds who stated his support for the bill. No written testimony was provided for the Committee.

The Chair called upon proponent conferee, Paula Marment, MS, RD, LD, Director, Office of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment who stated that reducing young children's exposure to secondhand smoke would be a positive step to improving the health of Kansas youth. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett called upon proponent conferee, Terri Roberts, Executive Director, Kansas State Nurses Association who stated KSNA supports policies that promote health and protect the well being of all Kansas citizens. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then called upon Mary Jayne Hellebust, Director, Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition, Inc., who stated that exposure to secondhand smoke increases the chances that the children will suffer from smoke-caused coughs and wheezing, bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, potentially fatal lower respiratory tract infections, eye and ear problems and other health problems. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Testimony and an article was passed out to the Committee from Senator Haley regarding his support for the bill. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 4) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee at 1:30 P.M. on February 7, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

The Chair called the attention to written testimony provided by Roy Jensen, Director, KU Cancer Center. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The chair then closed the hearing on **SB 250** and announced that the next order of business was to open the hearing on **SB 176**.

Hearing on SB 176 – An act concerning dental hygienists; relating to issuance of permits authorized by practice

Chairman Barnett then called upon the first proponent conferee, Teresa Schwab, Executive Director, Oral Health Kansas who stated that with this legislation, communities have been given the flexibility to design dental programs that meet their unique challenges and needs. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 6) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair called upon proponent conferee, Marcia Manter, ECP Project Coordinator, Oral Health Kansas who stated her support for the bill with the proposed changes in her testimony as well as an addendum to add to her testimony. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 7) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett called upon proponent conferee, Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association, who stated his support for the bill with the proposed amendments. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 8) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then called upon proponent conferee, Ron Gaches, Gaches, Braden, Barbee and Associates who stated that this bill expands beyond the excellent work that the Kansas Legislature enacted three years ago with the original authorization of the Extended Care Permit. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 9) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to written testimony provided by Kansas Department on Aging. A copy of their testimony is (Attachment 10) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to written testimony provided by Children's Alliance. A copy of their testimony is (Attachment 11) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to written testimony provided by The Saint Francis Academy. A copy of their testimony is (Attachment 12) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to written testimony provided by The Juvenile Justice Authority. A copy of their testimony is (Attachment 13) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The motion was made by Senator Schmidt to add the amendment to the bill. It was seconded by Senator Haley and the motion carried.

The motion was made by Senator Haley to move the bill out favorably. It was seconded by Senator Jordan and the motion carried.

Adjournment

As there was no more time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2007.