Representative Paul Anders Ogren, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, called the twenty-sixth meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 1987, at the Bethany Home in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Representative Ogren instructed the clerk to note the roll.

Those present:

Ogren, Chair  
Ommen  
Clark  
Swiggum  
Jefferson  
Swenson  
Kelso  
Tompkins  
McLaughlin

Those excused:

Anderson  
Ogament  
Clausmiter  
Quist  
Cooper  
Radosevich  
Dauner  
Segal  
Dorn  
Stantus  
Greenfield  
Belleza  
Gruenes  
Welle  
Orenstein  
Wynia

Rep. Karen Clark presented a resolution urging the University of Minnesota to maintain its Public Health Nursing Program and re-examine cutbacks in the Baccalaureate Nursing Program. (See attachment A.)

Rep. Clark MOVED that the resolution be recommended to pass. The motion PREVAILLED.

The following people testified as representatives of the residents of several area nursing homes:

Viola Diedrich  
Bethany Home  
Alexandria

Luella Erickson  

Celio Gunderson  
Knut Nelson Mem. Home  
Alexandria

Ruth Quinn  
Community Nursing Home  
Osakis

Marie Hausen  

Fern Smedsted  
Glenwood Retirement Home  
Glenwood

Gordon Ambel, Exec. Dir.  

Debbie Shea  
Crestview Manor  
Evansville

Richard Anderson  

Leslie Brecht  
Lakeview Care Center  
Glenwood

George Brundage  

George Nicholson  

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Three staff people from the Bethany Home testified on several issues which they see as serious problems facing many nursing homes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

[Signature]
Paul Anders Ogren, Chair

[Signature]
La Finnegan, Clerk
RESOLUTION
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regarding University of Minnesota Public Health and Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

Introduced by Clark, Ogren, Onnen, Yellienga, Segal, Cooper, Orment

WHEREAS,
the State of Minnesota is committed to expanding its high quality and cost effective community health service programs; and

WHEREAS,
the quality of such programs is dependent on educated public health nurses; and

WHEREAS,
the University of Minnesota provides the only graduate level public health nursing program in the state; and

WHEREAS,
certified public health nurses prepared in baccalaureate nursing programs help assure that Minnesota citizens receive quality, cost effective care by conducting nursing home preadmission screening, functioning as case managers for high risk clients and performing skilled nursing assessments; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED By the Health and Human Services Committee of the Minnesota House of Representatives that it goes on record and strongly urges the Regents of the University of Minnesota that the University of Minnesota graduate public health nursing program be maintained at least at the current levels of funding and programming and not be eliminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Minnesota School of Nursing current and planned decrease in size to 80 positions be re-examined in relationship to Minnesota's growing demand for professional nursing services and the current and anticipated nurse shortage, and that consideration be given to expanding, not decreasing frontline baccalaureate nurse positions.