

Committee: Senate Health and Human Services

Wednesday, March 04, 2020 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Present: Sen. Duhamel, Sen. Phil Jensen, Sen. Rusch, Sen. Russell, Sen. Foster,
Sen. Steinhauer, and Sen. Soholt

OTHERS PRESENT: See Original Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Senator Soholt

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MONDAY, MARCH 02ND

Moved by: Phil Jensen
Second by: Duhamel
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary, Department of Health and Dr. Joshua Clayton, State Epidemiologist provided the committee with up-to-date information on the COVID - 19 virus (Handout #1 - 2019 Coronavirus Briefing).

They discussed the virus background, the situation and response both internationally and within the United States, and the South Dakota response and action plan. They also provided general protection advice, website guidance and resources, and presented information comparing the coronavirus vs. influenza. They discussed the present situation with influenza in South Dakota.

Senator Soholt addressed summer studies. The committee has endorsed studies relating to mental health and long term care. Committee members were asked if they had any interim study ideas that they wanted to bring forward for consideration for committee endorsement. None were offered. Individual members can also submit requests on their own.

Being the last meeting, Senator Soholt expressed thanks and appreciation to Senate Health and Human Services staff and committee members.

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Rusch
Second by: Phil Jensen
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Rena Ortbahn, Committee Secretary

/s/ DEB SOHOLT
Deb Soholt, Chair