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Legislative Oversight Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee - Other Study No. 1(Planned Parenthood) met to hear follow up testimony from DHEC and HHS.

DHEC provided information regarding inspection costs of abortion facilities. The average cost for the agency is \$1,885 per facility. This cost has increased in the last 2 years. The agency only collects an inspection fee of \$350 per facility and \$25 per procedure room. Ultimately the routine inspection fees fall short of the actual cost to the agency. DHEC will be requesting a revision of abortion facility regulations to closer represent the cost of the inspection.

DHEC also testified that it will revise regulations related to reporting requirements of hospitals and abortion clinics so that all post-operative complications related from an abortion procedure shall be reported to DHEC. Chairman Clary sent a letter to Director Heigel concluding DHEC's involvement in the study after the meeting. HHS was not dismissed from the study and will be appearing at the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee in January.

Member Comments:

James Smith – great disappointment in Rep. Hicks' allegations of illegal and even criminal activities where those allegations were found to be devoid of credit or value. She not once appeared at the Ad Hoc Committee meetings and did not give a minute of her time to the investigation. People are entitled to opinions but they are not entitled to their own facts. Thousands of taxpayer dollars were spent on these investigations and nothing was found related to her allegations

Walt McLeod – suggested that the committee examine the procedure and protocol for how complaints are lodged. All those who appear before the committee provide evidence and must swear to the truthfulness of their statements and feels that there should be a swearing in of those who lodge complaints.

Mia McLeod – held a moment of silence for those killed in the Colorado shooting. Feels it is important that extra protection be provided for abortion facilities.

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