

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Robert Tomlinson at 3:30 p.m. on March 20, 2001 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Jene Vickery

Committee staff present: Dr. Bill Wolff, Legislative Research  
Ken Wilke, Legislative Revisor  
Mary Best, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Lynn Jenkins, Kansas State Legislature  
Mr. James Redmon, Kansas Children Service League  
Mr. Andy Sanchez, Kansas Association of Public Employees

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Upon coming to order the first conferee to come before the committee was Senator Lynn Jenkins. Representative Jenkins was to address **SB 151**- State employee health plan; removal of waiting period for child coverage with Proponent Testimony. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Senator Jenkins gave an overview of the bill explaining that in the process of bringing in HealthWave to cover the uninsured children of Kansas, the children who have a parent working for the state were excluded. She explained that if a parent is working for the state and is unable because of low wages, etc. was unable to afford the family plan to include their children, they at this point cannot qualify for coverage under the HealthWave plan, nor was there a way to bring them under the state health plan. This bill is to be an outlet for those families and provide them with a way to be included under the parent's coverage. She explained that the Federal Government thought the State could take care of its' own. Unfortunately that is not the case. Senator Jenkins also included a copy of testimony from a family who has experienced such problems. The amount of the coverage is approximately, \$143 per pay period, in addition to the cost of the state employee's cost for his/her own coverage. This depends on the program the employee has chosen. She continued on to explain that "the bill has no specific source for funding. It simply affords the opportunity to receive grants, donations, &/or appropriations from most any source.

Most importantly the bill requires an annual reporting to the legislature as to the usage fo the program." The data would then assist the legislature and others to determine the need for such coverage in the future. The Senator stood for questions. Questions were posed by Chairman Tomlinson, followed by Representatives Boston, Huy, Kirk, Edmonds, Ostmeyer, Grant and Toelkes.

The next conferee to come before the committee was Mr. James Redmon, Kansas Children Service League. A copy of the Proponent Testimony is (Attachment #2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Mr. Redmon confirmed the testimony given by Senator Jenkins. There were no questions.

Mr. Andy Sanchez was the final conferee to come before the committee with Proponent Testimony. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment #3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Mr. Sanchez supported the prior testimony and the only question was by Representative Phelps.

Written testimony only was presented in support of the bill by Ms. Leigh Anne Henson, March of Dimes, Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Department and Mr. Gary Brunk, Kansas Action for Children, Inc.. A copy of their testimonies are (Attachment #'s 4, 5, 6) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

As there were no further conferees to speak to the bill, the public hearing on the bill were closed.

The committee then moved to begin working bills previously heard. The first bill before the committee was **SB 151** - State employee health plan; removal of waiting period for child coverage. A motion was made by Representative Kirk to pass out favorably and Representative Toelkes seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion on the financing of the bill of which there is none to be appropriated.

Representative McCreary offered a sub-motion to the bill which was seconded by Representative Huy. His sub-motion was to amend the bill for The Sunflower Foundation to fund the program. There was discussion over authority to commit funding from this project. Lines of 16, 17, 18 were quoted by Representative Kirk to be a pilot program. The committee was back to the sub-motion and revising it to limit this to Sunflower funds. A vote was taken and the motion failed. The committee was back on the original motion to pass out favorably. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

**SB 19** - Health insurance; classifying OB/GYN as a primary care provider. Representative Kirk made the motion to move the bill out favorable for passage. Representative Mayans seconded the motion.. Representative Kirk then withdrew the motion. Representative Kirk moved to amend the bill. The amendment was to place **HB 2446** - Insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis, as it exists. The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. The motion passed. There was a motion to change **HB 2246** to strike Section 1 through the end of the page and the first eleven lines on page 2. This would amend page 1, following line 28 inserting new sections as follows:

“Sec. 2. The purpose of section 3, and amendments thereto, is to provide insurance coverage to individuals with a condition or medical history for which bone mass measurement is determined to be medically necessary for the individual’s diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.

Sec.3. Any individual or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, health maintenance organization, municipal group-funded pool, and the state employee health care benefits program which provides coverage for and which is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed on or after July 1, 2001, shall include coverage for services related to diagnosis, treatment and management of osteoporosis subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance as apply to other covered services.”,

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted

And by renumbering remaining section accordingly;

In line 30 by striking "Kansas register" and inserting "statute book",

In the title before the period, by inserting "and the diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis".

A copy of the change is (Attachment #6) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Representative Edmonds made the motion to amend in **HB 2162** - Providing coverage for durable medical equipment. There was discussion on the bill and the motion and a request to withdraw the motion since the bill had not been heard before the committee and there was no fiscal note on the bill to determine the amount of money the program would cost. The request to withdraw was declined. A vote was taken on the Edmonds motion and the motion failed. The committee was back on the bill. Representative Kirk made the motion to move the bill out favorably as amended, Representative Grant seconded the motion and the motion passed.

This concluded the meeting and the meeting was adjourned. The time was 5:18 p.m.