

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Barbieri-Lightner at 3:30 p.m. on January 16, 2003 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Excused: Ray Cox, Nile Dillmore, David Huff

Committee staff present: Renae Hansen, Ken Wilke, Bill Wolff

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jeff Bottenburg-State Farm Insurance Companies

Others attending: Jarrod Forbes, Jerry Wells, JoAnn Bunton, Larrie Ann Lower, David Hanson, Kevin Davis, Brad Smoot, Ron Seeber, Keith Bradshaw, Robert Charomanski, Chris Collins, Cheryl Dillard

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbieri-Lightner. Introductions were made by all present including committee members, committee staff, and conferees. Rules of the committee were reviewed.

Bonnie Sharp spoke as ranking minority member on the ability of all to work together and be productive together as a committee.

Stanley Dreher spoke as Vice Chair that this would be a good committee to work with.

Jeff Bottenburg, Attorney, State Farm Insurance Companies, request for a bill that would allow insurance companies to allow copies of policies in languages other than English. Written testimony was furnished to the committee and a copy of that testimony is (Attachement #1) is attached. Some safeguards include that the English language version would still be filed as the official version as filed by the insurance department, the insurer is still subject to the unfair trade practices act for violating any version contracted in foreign languages. We believe this legislation is needed and will help insure more Kansans that are currently uninsured at this time. At the time of the hearing more testimony will be provided.

Questions were posed to Mr. Bottenburg by Ken Wilke, Revisor.

Representative Bob Grant moved that the committee introduce the bill, seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor, passed unanimously by the committee.

Questions were posed to Mr. Bottenburg by Representative Mario Goico.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting January 21, 2003.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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