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Date: January 29, 2002

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 9:30 a.m. on January 22, 2002 in Room 234 N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
JoAnn Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jay Rogers, Director of Accident and Health Division, Kansas Insurance Department

Others attending: See attached list.

Report on Status of Small Group Market

Jay Rogers, Director of Accident and Health Division, Kansas Insurance Department, briefed the Committee on laws concerning small group insurance and reforms that have occurred to date. Craig Van Aalst, Kansas Insurance Department, also briefed the Committee on a chart showing Small Group Rating examples. (Attachment 1) Committee questions and discussion on insurance matters related to loss ratio, community index rates, limited profitability of companies, absence of HMO networks in rural areas, adverse selection and modified community ratings.

Introduction of bills

Senator Feleciano requested introduction of a bill relating to WGME - Wichita Graduate Medical Education liability insurance. Senator Feleciano made a motion that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Teichman made a motion to approve the Committee minutes of January 15, 2002, seconded by Senator Brungardt. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2002.