

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:36 P.M. on February 2, 2006 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Eric Carter- excused  
Representative Ray Cox- excused  
Representative Joe McLeland- excused  
Representative Scott Schwab- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dick Cook, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, KS  
Kevin McFarland, Kansas Association of Homes and Services, Topeka, KS  
Marlin Johnson, Bethany Home Association, Lindsborg, KS  
Margaret Farley, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Topeka, KS  
Larry McGill, Kansas Association of Independent Insurance Agents, Topeka, KS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bills:

Representative Kenny Wilk requested introduction of a bill prohibiting insurance companies from not using accepted standards of care in determining what is medically necessary. Representative Dillmore moved for introduction of the bill. Seconded by Representative Bonnie Sharp. Motion carried.

Representative Mitch Holmes moved for introduction of a committee bill regarding service contracts. Seconded by Representative Faber. Motion carried.

Hearing on:

**HB 2567**      **Enacting the adult care home group-funded pool act**

Representative Bethell, District 113, and Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave an overview an explanation of **HB 2567**.

Proponents:

Dick Cook, Kansas Insurance Department, (Attachment #1), gave testimony in support of **HB 2567**.

Kevin McFarland, Kansas Association of Homes and Services, (Attachment #2), presented testimony in support of **HB 2567**.

Marlin Johnson, Bethany Home Association, (Attachment #3), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2567**.

Cindy Luxem, Kansas Healthcare Association, (Attachment #4), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2567**.

Opponents:

Margaret Farley, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, (Attachment #5), gave testimony in opposition of

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Insurance Committee at 3:30 P.M. on February 2, 2006 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

**HB 2567.**

Larry McGill, Kansas Association of Independent Insurance Agents, (Attachment #6), presented testimony in opposition of **HB 2567.**

Hearing closed on **HB 2567.**

Representative Dillmore moved to approve the committee minutes of January 31, 2006. Seconded by Representative Faber. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 P.M.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at 3:30 P.M., in Room 527-S.