

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ruth Teichman at 9:30 A.M. on January 25, 2005 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Karin Brownlee- absent

Committee staff present: Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Sandy Yingling, Committee Secretary

Others attending: See attached list.

The Chair announced there were minutes for the member's approval at the end of the meeting.

Chair opened the meeting by announcing there would be bill introductions today and tomorrow, January 26, Senator Barnett has arranged to have the Health Savings Account people come and talk to the committee. Thursday, January 27, there will be no meeting.

The Chair introduced Jarrod Forbes, Assistant Director of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Insurance Department, to introduce his bill.

Mr. Forbes introduced himself and Michael Steiner, legislative liaison. Mr. Forbes stated that the Kansas Insurance Department had four bills introduce. (Attachment 1) 1) Federal HIPAA - a simple date change (Attachment 2); 2) Closed block of business - asking insurance companies to notify customers when they intend to close a block of business (Attachment 3); 3) Agent licensing task force - study our agent licensing procedures (Attachment 4); and 4) a bill aimed at protecting insurance for our military that have been deployed. (Attachment 5)

Senator Wysong questioned the third bill proposed on agent licensing if that was when to create a task force and Mr. Forbes affirmed.

Responding to a question from the Chair, Senator Teichman, Mr. Forbes explained that current law states insurance companies have to offer another line of business but they don't have to notify customers in writing. Mr. Forbes stated that this bill is clarifying what the notification requires.

Senator Wilson asked that on the agent licensing issue when creating this task force, were they proposing putting anyone from the legislature on it? Mr. Forbes answered that there would be five members of the legislature, two proposed by the President of the Senate, one from the minority of the Senate and two from the speaker. Senator asked if there would be some representing the industries.

Madam Chair took motions. Senator Barnett moved to introduction of the bills and seconded by Senator Steineger. All in favor, unanimous.

Chair asked if there were any other bill introductions. Chair Teichman introduced a bill on behalf of KIOGA which is an act concerning construction contracts relating to the indemnification provisions that amends KSA 16-121. (Attachment 6)

Senator Wysong moved the introduction of the bills, the motion was seconded by Senator Wilson. The motion carried.

Chair asked for any other bill introductions, there were none.

There was a motion to approve the Minutes for January 12, 13 & 18, the motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.