

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Everett Johnson at 3:30 P.M. on March 1, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative JoAnn Pottorff- excused  
Representative Sue Storm- excused  
Representative Tom Sloan- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor  
Haley DaVee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Theresa Klinkenberg, Chief Business and Financial Planning Officer, University of Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Johnson opened the hearing on **SB 332 - Authorizing regents' institutions to acquire insurance.** Theresa Klinkenberg, the Chief Business and Financial Planning Officer at the University of Kansas, was welcomed to the committee to testify as a proponent to **SB 332**. She spoke on the importance of allowing the Board of Regents and universities to insure property that is critical to a university's mission that could not be replaced if lost or damaged. She sited a fleet of equipment maintained by the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute as an example of equipment that would be cost prohibitive to replace if something were to happen to it.

Chairman Johnson drew the committee's attention to written testimony presented by the Kansas Board of Regents in favor of **SB 332** and opened the floor to questions. Questions were asked by Representatives Phelps and Otto.

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Rm. 231-N.