MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:30 P.M. on March 14, 2006 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
- Representative Bob Grant- excused
- Representative Mitch Holmes- 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:
- Senator Barbara Allen, District 8, Overland Park, KS
- Gary Sherrer, Leawood, KS
- Matt All, Governor’s Office, Lawrence, KS
- Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Assoc. of Health Plans, Topeka, KS
- Jarrod Forbes, Kansas Department of Insurance, Topeka, KS
- Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, Topeka, KS
- Sky Westerlund, Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Topeka, KS
- Terri Roberts, Kansas State Nurses Assoc, Topeka, KS
- Ira Stamm, Ph.D., Topeka, KS
- Woody Moses, The Kansas Aggregate Producers Association, Topeka, KS
- Clint Patty, Friedon, Haynes & Forbes Law Firm, Topeka, KS
- Mark Wilkerson, IMA of Kansas, Lenexa, KS
- Ramon Gonzalez, Hamm Quarry, Inc, Perry, KS
- Lew Ebert, Kansas Chamber, Topeka, KS
- Ken Daniel, KrSmallBiz.com, Topeka, KS
- Cory Peterson, AGC of Kansas, Topeka, KS
- Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association, Inc., Topeka, KS
- Larry Magill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, Topeka, KS
- William Skepnek, Kansas Trial Lawyers, Lawrence, KS
- Callie Denton, Kansas Trial Lawyers, Topeka, KS
- Charles Wheelen, Osteopathic Association, Topeka, KS

Others attending:
- See attached list.

Hearing on:

SB 522: Health insurance; internal review process

Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview on SB 522.

Proponents:
- Gary Sherrer, (Attachment #1), appeared before the committee in support of SB 522.
- Matt All, Governor’s Office, (Attachment #2), presented testimony in support of SB 522.
- Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Assoc. of Health Plans, (Attachment #3), gave testimony in support of SB 522.
- Jarrod Forbes, Kansas Department of Insurance, (Attachment #4), appeared before the committee in support of SB 522.
- Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, (Attachment #5), gave testimony in support of SB 522.
- Sky Westerlund, Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, (Attachment #6), presented written testimony in support of SB 522.
- Terri Roberts, Kansas State Nurses Assoc, (Attachment #7), presented written testimony in support of SB 522.
- Sen. Barbara Allen, District 8, (Attachment #8), presented written testimony in support of SB 522.
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Neutral:
Ira Stamm, Ph.D., (Attachment #9), appeared before the committee regarding SB 522.

Hearing closed on SB 522.

Hearing on:

SB 422: Surety Bonds - eliminating the need for more than one surety in certain statutes
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview on SB 422.

Proponent:
Larry Magill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, (Attachment #10), appeared before the committee in support of SB 422.

Hearing closed on SB 422.

Hearing on:

SB 512: Silicosis Claims Act
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview on SB 512.

Proponents:
Woody Moses, The Kansas Aggregate Producers Association, (Attachment #11), appeared before the committee in support of SB 512.
Mark Wilkerson, IMA of Kansas, (Attachment #13), presented testimony in support of SB 512.
Ramon Gonzalez, Hamm Quarry, Inc, (Attachment #14), gave testimony in support of SB 512.
Lew Ebert, Kansas Chamber, (Attachment #15), presented written testimony in support of SB 512.
Ken Daniel, KsSmallBiz.com, (Attachment #16), appeared before the committee in support of SB 512.
Cory Peterson, AGC of Kansas, (Attachment #17), presented written testimony in support of SB 512.
Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association, Inc., (Attachment #18), presented written testimony in support of SB 512.
Larry Magill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, (Attachment #19), gave testimony in support of SB 512.

Opponents:
William Skepnek, Kansas Trial Lawyers, (Attachment #20), presented testimony in opposition to SB 512.
Callie Denton, Kansas Trial Lawyers, (Attachment #21), appeared before the committee in opposition to SB 512.

Neutral:
Charles L. (Chip) Wheelen, Osteopathic Association, (Attachment #22), appeared before the committee regarding SB 512.

Hearing was closed on SB 512.

Representative Trimmer recommended without objection of committee members to approve the committee minutes of March 7, 2006 and March 9, 2006.

Adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 16, 2006, 3:30 P.M., Room 527-S.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.