

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 11, 2001 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Dr. Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
JoAnn Buntten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Susan Mahoney, Legislative Liaison, Governor's office
Chuck Stones, Kansas Bankers Association

Others attending: See attached list

Introduction of Bills

Susan Mahoney, Legislative Liaison, Governor's office, requested introduction of a bill that would remove the six-month waiting period for children to enroll in HealthWave, the state's health care program for children. (Attachment 1)

Senator Feleciano made a motion that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion carried.

During Committee discussion concern was expressed that state employees' children are not eligible to participate in the HealthWave program based on restrictions in the federal law.

Overview of Kansas Banking

Chuck Stones, Kansas Bankers Association, presented an overview of the Kansas banking industry as outlined in his written testimony entitled "Kansas Bank Facts." (Attachment 2)

Ag-lending, production credit, paper transfer, and charter banks were some of the topics discussed by the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 16, 2001.