

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 15, 2002 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 Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
David Brandt, Kansas Securities Commissioner
Linda DeCoursey, Kansas Insurance Department

Others attending: See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Chairperson Praeger welcomed FI&I Committee members and staff back to the first meeting of the 2002 session and called for introduction of bills.

David Brandt, Kansas Securities Commissioner, requested introduction of a bill that would revive portions of former 2001 **HB 2243** and amend various statutes under the Kansas Securities Act in order to make it uniform with other states. (Attachment 1)

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

Linda DeCoursey, Director of Government Affairs, Kansas Insurance Department, requested introduction of three bills relating to risk based capital, reinsurance and sharing of information. (Attachment 2)

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

Briefing, Discussion and Action on bills in Committee

Dr. Bill Wolff, KLRD, briefed the Committee on the 2001 carry-over bills in Committee and recommendations that were made during the interim. The Chair noted that the Committee may want to consider action on the carry-over bills later in the session.

During Committee discussion on **SB 258 - Report to the legislature regarding counties opting into the state employees health plan**, Harry Bossi, Division of Personnel Services, noted that results of a survey regarding the addition of county and city employees in the state employees health plan would be available in March. Senator Feleciano made a motion that the Committee introduce legislation relating to criteria for expanding participating in the state employees health plan by cities and counties, seconded by Senator Brundgardt. The motion carried.

The Chair called for action by the Committee to strike **SB 274 - Insurance; providing coverage for certain mental health conditions**. Senator Feleciano made a motion to strike SB 274, from the Committee Calendar, seconded by Senator Teichman. The motion carried. The Chair noted that amendments were put into **HB 2563**, the Securities Commission bill, during a conference committee at the end of the 2001 session that needed to be removed and the bill brought back to the Committee.

Staff brought the Committee's attention to recommendations made during the interim that included introduction of a new bill to remove the sunset date of July 1, 2002, from the Business Health Partnership Act as well as reviewing the status of the Delta Dental Plan. The Chair noted that the Committee may want to hear from Doral Dental later in the session. The Committee was also given an update on next week's agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2002.

CONTINUATION SHEET