

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, KsSmallBiz.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**.

Clint Patty, Friedon, Haynes & Forbes Law Firm, (Attachment #12), gave testimony 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.