

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:30 p.m. on March 17, 2009, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Sue Fowler, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Barbara Torkelson, Kansas Insurance Department
Aimee Nienstedt, Self
Rick Cagan, National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI
Jackie Shufelberger, Self/Daughter
Amy Campbell, Kansas Mental Health Coalition
Michelle Sweeney, Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas
Stuart Little, Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals
Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Association of Health Plans
Ira Stamm, Psychologist
Jim Hall, American Council of Life Insurers
Representative Cindy Neighbor, District 18
Tom Bryon, Kansas Association of Health
Ken Daniel, Topeka Independent Business Association
Larry Magill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents
Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Businesses
Bill Sneed, America's Health Insurance Plans
Larry Ann Lower, Aetna, Inc.
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Joe Thesing, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies
Bren Abbott, Farmers Insurance
Dave Hanson, Kansas Association of Property & Casualty Insurance Companies & PCI
Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, District 29
Callie Hartle, Kansas Association for Justice
Phil Ray, Self

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearings on:

SB 49 - Insurance coverage, mental health, alcoholism drug abuse or other substance use disorder benefits.

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview for **SB 49**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 49**.

Proponents:

Barbara Torkelson, Kansas Insurance Department, (Attachment 1), appeared before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

Aimee Nienstedt, Self, (Attachment 2), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

Rick Cagan, National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI (Attachment 3), presented testimony before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

Jackie Shufelberger, Self/Daughter, (Attachment 4), appeared before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

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Amy Campbell, Kansas Mental Health Coalition, ([Attachment 5](#)), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

Michelle Sweeney, Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, ([Attachment 6](#)), presented testimony before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

Stuart Little, Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals, ([Attachment 7](#)), appeared before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Association of Health Plans, ([Attachment 8](#)), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

Sky Westerlund, Kansas Chapter National Association of Social Workers, ([Attachment 9](#)), presented written testimony in support of **SB 49**.

Ira Stamm, Psychologist, ([Attachment 10](#)), appeared before the committee in support of **SB 49**.

Hearing closed on **SB 49**.

SB 174 - Removal of mandatory participation requirements for group life insurance.

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department gave a brief overview for **SB 174**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 174**.

Proponent:

Jim Hall, American Council of Life Insurers, ([Attachment 11](#)), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 174**.

Hearing closed on **SB 174**.

HB 2262 - Health care insurance and health reimbursement arrangements.

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department gave a brief overview for **HB 2262**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2262**.

Proponents:

Representative Cindy Neighbor, District 18, ([Attachment 12](#)), presented testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2262**.

Tom Bryon, Kansas Association of Health, ([Attachment 13](#)), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2262**.

Ken Daniel, Topeka Independent Business Association, ([Attachment 14](#)), gave testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2262**.

Larry Magill, Kansas Association of Insurance Agents, ([Attachment 15](#)), presented testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2262**.

Dan Murray, National Federation of Independent Businesses, ([Attachment 16](#)), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2262**.

Kevin Jeffries, Leawood Chamber of Commerce, ([Attachment 17](#)), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2262**.

Ashley Sherard, Lenexa Chamber of Commerce, ([Attachment 18](#)), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2262**.

Dave Holtwick, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, ([Attachment 19](#)), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2262**.

Tim Whitsman, The Wichita Independent Business Association, ([Attachment 20](#)), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2262**.

Rachelle Colombo, Kansas Chamber, ([Attachment 21](#)), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2262**.

Opponents:

Bill Sneed, America's Health Insurance Plans, ([Attachment 22](#)), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2262**.

Larry Ann Lower, Aetna, Inc., ([Attachment 23](#)), gave testimony in opposition to **HB 2262**.

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Hearing closed on **HB 2262**.

SB 260 - No cause of action for recovery of certain loss while operating uninsured motor vehicle.

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department, (Attachment 24), provided a brief informational report from the Interim Task Force on **SB 260**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 260**.

Proponents:

Joe Thesing, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, (Attachment 25), appeared before the committee in support of **SB 260**.

Bren Abbott, Farmers Insurance, (Attachment 26), presented testimony before the committee in support of **SB 260**.

Dave Hanson, Kansas Association of Property & Casualty Insurance Companies & PCI, (Attachment 27), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 260**.

Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance Company, (Attachment 28), presented written testimony in support of **SB 260**.

Lee Wright, Farmers Insurance, (Attachment 29), presented written testimony in support of **SB 260**.

Brad Smoot, American Insurance Association, (Attachment 30), presented written testimony in support of **SB 260**.

Larry Magill, Kansas Associated of Insurance Agents, (Attachment 31), presented written testimony in support of **SB 260**.

Rich Welborn, Farmers Alliance, (Attachment 32), presented written testimony in support of **SB 260**.

Opponents:

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, District 29, (Attachment 33), appeared before the committee in opposition to **SB 260**.

Callie Hartle, Kansas Association for Justice, (Attachment 34), gave testimony in opposition to **SB 260**.

Phil Ray, Self, (Attachment 35), presented testimony in opposition to **SB 260**.

Hearing closed on **SB 260**.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.