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MINUTES OF THE SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ruth Teichman at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 in 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office
Marilyn Arnone, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chair Teichman opened meeting and said the only thing on the agenda was Final Action on **SB 71–Substitute for SB 71 by Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance -- Insurance agents; additional lines, fingerprinting and criminal history record check requirements.**

Chair Teichman said the issue with **SB 71** was on page 7 of the substitute bill concerning the public adjusters included in the bill. There had not been any public adjuster come forward in opposition nor had there been representation for them during the hearing for the bill. There was concern that the public adjusters were not aware of the bill. A motion was made to remove public adjusters from the bill which passed. The Chair learned there are only two public adjusters in Kansas, and they would be grandfathered in this bill. The Chair had asked the Insurance Department for information on the public adjusters. No response either in person or in writing came back from the adjusters and apparently the two adjusters have no interest in the bill since it will not affect them. The Insurance Department contacted the national organization for

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comment and to date there has been no response there either. There is nothing in the bill that will affect public adjusters adversely and should not be an issue with them. The Chair reminded the Committee that **SB 71** is a fingerprinting bill. It no longer has continuing education language in it. There was an amendment to the bill that included regulatory compliance and some technical amendments.

Mr. Wilke said a small change was made in the bill in the ethics requirement to include regulatory compliance and also the removal of a phrase regarding license revocation for “demonstrating any trait.”

The Chair would like to see the public adjusters put back into the bill. There would be a better chance of retaining the term, “public adjuster,” in the bill if left in now. Also the Committee can see how the House reacts to the issue. Perhaps by then the public adjusters would respond.

Sen. Taddiken moved to reinstate the “public adjuster” into Substitute for SB 71 . Senator Longbine seconded and the motion passed.

Sen. Schmidt moved to pass the bill out of Committee favorably. Senator Masterson seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM. The next meeting will be on February 16, 2012.