

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Robert Tomlinson at 3:30 p.m. on January 11, 2000 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Nancy Kirk

Committee staff present: Bill Wolff, Research  
Ken Wilke, Revisor  
Mary Best, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Department

Others attending: See attached Committee Guest List

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Tomlinson welcomed everyone to the Session 2000. Chairman also reminded everyone of the committee rules. Changes in the seating arrangements were discussed in the event anyone was uncomfortable in the seat they presently occupied. The Chair then proceeded to introduce Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Kathleen Sebelius for her request of bill introduction on behalf of Kansas Insurance Department.

Commissioner Sebelius presented nine (9) bills before the committee for consideration. Five (5) of the proposed bills were concerning "Women's Issues and Patient Protection, while the other four (4) covered "Company Exam Related Expenses", "Homeowners Storm Loss", "Consumer Protection n Certain Home Loans", and "Deregulation of form filings". The Commissioner, after giving her presentation, stood for questions from the committee. Written testimony was furnished to the committee and a copy of that testimony is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Questions were presented by the Chair and Rep. Cox..

Question session concluded, the Chair addressed Dr. Wolff regarding placing the women's issues under five (5) separate bill numbers. The issue was resolved and agreed upon to handle women's issues as five (5) bills.

The Chair then called for motions. **A motion was made by Representative Empson to introduce nine (9) new bills presented by the Insurance Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Representative Cox. Vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Sebelius presented the Annual Report, SHICK pamphlet, Consumer Information Insurance Shopping Guide and office staff listings to the committee. This material is (Attachments #2,3,4 &5) and attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Commissioner Sebelius informed the committee The Financial Service Modernization Bill had been passed by Congress and signed by the President, and that Holding Companies are up and coming for one-stop type of insurance shopping.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Time 4:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be held January 13, 2000.