

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:37 p.m. on March 9, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Montgomery – Excused  
Representative Fawcett – Excused

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Sue Fowler, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Lee Wright, Farmers Insurance  
Bren Abbott, Abbott, Davidson & Southerland  
Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance  
Callie Denton, KS Association for Justice  
James D. Hall, American Council of Life Insurers

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearings on:

**SB 136**      **No cause of action for recovery of certain losses while operating an uninsured motor vehicle**

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave a brief overview on **SB 136**.

Representative Shultz opened the hearing on **SB 136**.

Proponents:

Lee Wright, Farmers Insurance, (Attachment 1), gave testimony before the committee in support of **SB 136**.

Bren Abbott, Abbott, Davidson & Southerland, (Attachment 2), presented testimony before the committee in support of **SB 136**.

Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance, (Attachment 3), appeared before the committee in support of **SB 136**.

Richard E. Wilborn, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Companies, (Attachment 4), presented written testimony in support of **SB 136**.

David Monaghan, American Family Insurance Group, (Attachment 5), presented written testimony in support of **SB 136**.

Brad Smoot, American Insurance Association, (Attachment 6), presented written testimony in support of **SB 136**.

Opponents:

Callie Denton, Kansas Association for Justice, (Attachment 7), gave testimony before the committee in opposition to **SB 136**.

Robert E. Keeshan, Scott, Quinlan, Willard, Barnes & Keeshan, L.L.C., (Attachment 8), presented written testimony in opposition to **SB 136**.

Representative Shultz closed the hearing on **SB 136**.

**SB 85**      **Removal of mandatory participation requirements for group life insurance**

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes, gave a brief overview on **SB 85**.

Representative Shultz opened the hearing on **SB 85**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Insurance Committee at 3:38 p.m. on March 9, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

Proponent:

James D. Hall, American Council of Life Insurance, (Attachment 9), appeared before the committee in support of **SB 85**. Mr. Hall presented a conceptual amendment to **SB 85** during his presentation (Attachment 10).

Representative Shultz closed the hearing on **SB 85**.

Representative Grant moved without objection to pass the March 7, 2011 committee minutes as written.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2011, 3:30 P.M. in Room 152-S in Capitol.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.