

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 18, 2001 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Rep. Garry Boston
- Rep. John Edmunds
- Rep. David Huff
- Rep. Joe Hummerickhouse
- Rep. Gene O'Brien
- Rep. Ralph Ostmeyer
- Rep. Jene Vickery

Committee staff present:

- Bill Wolff, Research
- Ken Wilke, Revisor
- Mary Best, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- Linda DeCoursey, Kansas Insurance Department
- David Hanson, Kansas Insurance Associations
- Tom Bell, Western Surety

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Upon calling the meeting to order the Chairman informed the committee the **HB 2033** would not be heard today due to the fact that several committee members were on a field trip with another committee. The bill will be heard next Tuesday, January 23rd. With this business being put aside, Chairman Tomlinson recognized Mr. Tom Bell, Western Surety.

Mr. Bell came before the committee to make a bill presentation on behalf of Western Surety. The amendment being offered to K.S.A. 8-2401 and K.S.A. 8-2402 "would limit the coverage on motor vehicle dealer surety bonds to consumers." A copy of Mr. Bell's testimony is (Attachment #1 & 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Upon completion of his testimony the Chairman requested questions from the committee. As there were none, the motion took place to accept the bill presentation. Representative Grant made the motion, Representative Dreher seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion passes.

Next on the agenda was Ms. Linda DeCoursey, Kansas Insurance Department. Ms. DeCoursey presented Proponent Testimony on **HB 2031**. This bill addresses Risk-Based Capital. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment #3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. She gave an overview of the bill and explained that the changes would take the bill from 1999 version of the RBC instructions, and change the date of the standard so that the carriers will be using the RBC formula in effect as of December 31, 2000. There were no questions.

Mr. David Hanson was the next conferee to address the bill and committee. Mr. Hansen presented Proponent Testimony to the committee. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment #4) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Mr. Hanson told the committee that his organization had reviewed the changes and were comfortable with such and felt that they would not have an adverse effect on them. They supported the bill. There were no questions. There was no further testimony presented on the bill.

Ms. Linda DeCoursey, came before the committee again. This time to address **HB 2032**. Ms. DeCoursey presented Proponent Testimony on the bill to the committee. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment #5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. This bill deals with the removal of "filing of malpractice screening panel opinions. At the present the bill addresses all of the malpractice screening panel opinions and many do not concern or include the Insurance Commissioner. Therefore, to remove this would simplify and reduce paperwork for these panels. There were no questions. As there were no questions and no further testimony discussions were closed.

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The committee then worked both bills. The motion was brought forth by Representative Grant to pass out HB 2031 favorably and place it on the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative Dreher. There was no discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed. The motion was brought forth by Representative Grant to move HB 2032 out favorably marked for passage and placed on consent calendar. Representative Phelps seconded the motion and with no discussion the motion passed.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned. The time was 3:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 23rd in Room 519-S