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Stephen R. Cloud
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Stephen R. Cloud at
Chairperson

9:03 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on Wednesday, January 23, 1985 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Graeber - Excused

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman - Revisor
Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Dept.
Russ Mills - Legislative Resesarch Dept.
Jackie Breymeyer - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dick Brock - Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Bell, Kansas Insurance Department

The meeting of the House Governmental Organization Committee was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Representative Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman. The minutes of the January 17 meeting were approved. The chairman welcomed back Dick Brock, Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Bell, Kansas Insurance Department.

Mr. Brock began at page thirteen with "Regulation of Policy Forms and Rates", stating that most policies now have been drafted in "easy-to-read" language. The Department has three divisions responsible for review of policy forms, rates and supporting documents; Accident and Health, Life and Fire and Casualty. Mr. Brock cited the various charts connected with these divisions.

Mr. Brock stated the minimum requirements an individual must meet to obtain a license, which include a good business reputation, are worthy of a license and have at least a minimum of high school or its equivalent. The manuals used for applicants for agents licenses come from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. This firm prepares the examination questions for the Department and the Department gives the examinations. The number of agents remains relatively constant, being approximately in the twenty thousand range.

The Kansas Insurance Education Foundation, organized on March 31, 1981, has a resource list that provides insurance education programs and materials to Kansans. The Foundation receives numerous requests for these materials and programs. The Department gives speeches to various clubs and organizations and has eight published brochures and one shopper's guide that are available at no charge to the public.

Mr. Brock told of a Kansas Citizens' Committee that Commissioner Bell is setting up that will contain members from all walks of life in the community to address and try to reconcile the problems that are difficult to resolve between the medical and legal professions. The commission will be primarily concentrating on medical malpractice. At the request of the chairman, Mr. Brock will have the committee copied on the upcoming news release.

In ending his report Mr. Brock stated that the Department is not a fee fund agency. The money goes into the general fund. The budget for the Department is between three and four million dollars. The staff numbers approximately one hundred thirty employees.

Chairman Cloud thanked Mr. Brock for his in-depth presentation. As there were no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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