

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Senator Roy M. Ehrlich at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m. ~~xxx~~ on February 21, 1985 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Irwin, Department of Health and Environment
Dick Brock, Insurance Commission

Others Attending: See attached list

SB-113 relating to regulation of persons and businesses engaging in removal or encapsulation of asbestos was presented to the committee in balloon form for further consideration by John Irwin, Department of Health and Environment. After considerable discussion, due to the numerous changes presented by the Department of Health and Environment, also a change suggested by James D. Barnett, Greater Kansas City Builders Association, SB-113 was assigned to a subcommittee composed of Senator Vidricksen, Chairman, Senator Salisbury and Senator Hayden.

Senator Ehrlich called the committee's attention to a statement concerning a bill requested by disabled persons addressing The Kansas Bill of Rights for Disabled Persons. The chairman asked members to study the statement to ascertain whether they wanted to introduce it as a committee bill.

Attention was turned to SB-121, enacting mandatory health insurance risk sharing plan. Senator Francisco presented a substitute bill for SB-121. Norman Furse was requested to explain the substitute bill. The key provision speaks of "applicants for insurance who are, in good faith, entitled to such kinds of insurance, or subdivisions or combinations thereof, but who are unable to procure the same through ordinary methods." This language would allow the Commissioner of Insurance to organize an underwriting organization for the people falling in that category. The other change is on page 2 and would provide for a reporting requirement to report annually or more often as the Commissioner may require, information where an individual has been declined insurance or had insurance terminated, had insurance offered at a higher than standard rate, or is charged a higher rate based on information that differs from that which other policy holders furnish with respect to the type of insurance offered under the plan.

The original bill and substitute bill differ in one being mandatory and one setting forth a flexible manner in which the Insurance Commissioner may collect data. The present statute enables the department to collect data from individual underwriters but not groups. This would give the authority over both group and individual not given in HB-2167. A subcommittee was proposed but consensus of the committee was that no subcommittee was needed.

Confidentiality and also the cost this bill could pass on to other insured persons is a concern. Staff commented some states have premiums tax offsets for losses the companies take when they are required to participate in this type of health plan.

Mr. Dick Brock from the Insurance Department was asked whether or not the language in HB-2167 would allow a member of Blue Cross, Blue Shield to be on the governing board and the answer was yes.

Meeting adjourned.

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