

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Insurance

The meeting was called to order by Representative Turnquist at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on March 3, 1992 in room 531 of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Helgerson - Excused
Representative Sebelius - Excused
Representative Ensminger - Excused

Committee staff present:

Mr. Fred Carman, Revisor
Mr. Chris Courtwright, Research
Mrs. Nikki Feuerborn, Secretary
Mr. Mark Hunter, Intern

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mr. Brad Smoot, Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Mr. Chris Courtwright gave a staff review on **HB 2440 - small employer health benefits**. This bill would expand the availability to certain businesses of the small employer health benefit plans authorized by 1990 **HB 2610** by increasing the maximum number of eligible employees from 25 to 50. Small employer health benefit plans are a mechanism designed with a variety of incentives, including premium tax exemptions and health insurance mandate exemptions, to encourage small employers to offer health benefits to their employees.

Representative Wells reported that the amount of paperwork required to be part of the program is a deterrent to interested and eligible parties.

Representative Flower moved to pass the bill favorably out of committee and for the revisor to make any necessary technical changes. Representative Neufeld seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Chris Courtwright gave a staff review of **HB 2927 - an act concerning the registration of motor vehicles**. This bill would make the punishment for falsifying information on vehicular registration, within three years of a previous conviction, a Class A misdemeanor. This could mean up to 12 months imprisonment and/or a fine of \$2,500.

The committee discussed the bill and no motion was made.

Mr. Fred Carman, Revisor, distributed copies of a substitute for **HB 2931 - lapse of coverage prohibited under certain conditions**. Mr. Brad Smoot, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, explained the bill and noted the necessary changes. Municipal pools are not included in this bill.

Representative Elaine Wills moved to introduce and accept Sub HB 2931 as presented with technical changes to be made by the revisor which will include making it applicable to as many entities as possible. Representative Cozine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Committee noted that **Sub HB 2931** is not a new health insurance mandate and that the provisions of KSA 1991 Supp 40-2248 did not apply.

Representative Wells moved to pass Sub HB 2931 favorably out of committee as amended. Representative Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Cornfield moved to accept the minutes of March 2, 1992, with the correction of the spelling of "Chris" Courtwright's name. Representative Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

