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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, COMMERCE & LABOR.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Lane at 12:15 p.m. on March 18, 1996 in the ITV Conference Room 855 of the Landon State Office Building.

All members were present except: Rep. Jill Grant - excused
Rep. Gary Merritt - excused
Rep. Janice Pauls - excused
Rep. Terry Presta - excused
Rep. Candy Ruff - excused

Committee staff present: Bev Adams, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Bill Pitsenberger, Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Others attending: See attached list

The committee met for an interactive television conference with Ms. Susan Witcraft of Millimon & Robertson, Inc. The video conference was held in the ITV room in the Landon Building.

The Interactive Television conference was planned by Rep. Packer to talk about the merits of a pilot project for 24 hour workers compensation and 24 hour insurance coverage for employees in Kansas. Two bills have been drafted concerning 24 hour coverage, **HB 3009 and HB 3066**. This meeting was planned to open the dialogue to start discussion and a new way of thinking about insurance. Alternative methods are needed to counteract the high cost of health care and workers compensation in Kansas.

Chairman Lane turned over the meeting to Rep. Packer, who introduced Ms. Witcraft.

Ms. Witcraft was a presenter at the September 5-7, 1995, 24-Hour Coverage Symposium presented by the Council of Governors' Policy Advisors, the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the National Conference of State Legislatures, held in Philadelphia, which Rep. Packer attended.

Ms. Witcraft shared with the committee what other states have done, and the many pilot projects that are under way or soon will be underway. There is no significant data available at this time. She answered many questions about problems associated with this new method of insurance.

During discussion, Bill Pitsenberger, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, answered questions from the committee.

The committee was provided a video recording of the meeting. It is available in the office of Rep. Lane, Room 115-S of the Capitol.

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GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Sharon Couch	KCA
Kevin [unclear]	KS. SELF-INSURERS ASSN.
Alma [unclear]	State Farm
John SLAUGHTER	KS MEDICAL SOCIETY
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Tom [unclear]	KTLA
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