

Approved: Jan 29, 1998
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Wilson at 1:30 p.m. on January 27, 1998 in Room 527-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Vaughn Flora, excused
Representative Robert Krehbiel, excused
Representative Mary Compton, excused
Representative Jim Garner, excused
Representative Douglas Johnston, excused

Committee staff present: Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department
Robert Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Beth James, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Tom Wilder, Kansas Insurance Department

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Wilson. Chairperson Wilson opened the hearing on **HB2637**.

HB2637: **Filing procedures for redomestication of foreign insurance companies.**

The Chairperson called Tom Wilder, a proponent of the bill, to the podium. (Attachment #1). This bill will provide the Secretary of State with the authority to accept the necessary forms for restated Articles of Incorporation to be filed with their office in regard to redomestication applications. Mr. Wilder said that Teresa Sittenauer, who is with Amvesters, has an amendment. Ms Sittenauer was not in the meeting.

Representative Kirk asked how many companies had made application for redomestication. Mr. Wilder said they worked one and have two or three more. The Chairperson asked if anyone was there from the Secretary of States Office. Melissa Wangemann said she was. She didn't have any testimony. The Chairperson asked Ms. Wangemann if she knew what the language in the amendment was. She said it was grandfathering language that would cover the two filings they have had, before this law would take effect.

There were no other proponents on this bill. There were no opponents on this bill. The Chairperson closed the hearing on this bill for the day. Another hearing will be held at a future date if necessary.

The Chairperson asked Mr. Wolff to go over the provisions of **HB2636**. **Representative Kirk made a motion to move the bill out favorably. The motion was seconded by Representative Tomlinson.** There was no discussion. The Chairperson called for the vote. **The motion to pass HB2636 favorably passed.**

Two sets of minutes from January 21 and January 22, 1998 were handed out at the beginning of the meeting. The Chairperson asked if everyone had read them and if so would entertain a motion to accept both sets of minutes. **Representative Empson made a motion to accept the minutes of January 21, 1998 and January 22, 1998. The motion was seconded by Representative McCreary. The Chairperson called for the vote and the motion passed.**

The Chairperson reminded everyone that the meeting was canceled for tomorrow due to the death of Representative Long.

There was no old business or new business. The next meeting will be January 29, 1998. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.



Kathleen Sebelius
Commissioner of Insurance
Kansas Insurance Department

MEMORANDUM

To: House Insurance Committee

From: Tom Wilder

Re: H.B. 2637 ("Redomestication" of Insurers)

Date: January 27, 1998

I am appearing today to ask for your support for House Bill 2637 which makes it easier for insurance companies to redomesticate their business operations to Kansas. As you recall, the law was changed last year to adopt the model redomestication law drafted by the National Association of Insurance Carriers. This new statute simplifies the procedures for insurers that want to redomesticate to Kansas.

We are processing applications for several insurers who want to redomesticate to this state. The Department has found a procedural problem with those applications because the law requires carriers to file a "restated" copy of their Articles of Incorporation with the Kansas Secretary of State. However, the statute which was passed last year does not specifically give the Secretary of State the authority to accept the restated Articles. House Bill 2637 provides that the Secretary of State will adopt the necessary forms for restated Articles to be filed with their office. The new provision would be effective with its publication in the Kansas Register.

I would ask that you adopt H.B. 2637 favorably for passage.

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