

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ruth Teichman at 9:30 am. on February 3, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Beverly Beam, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Daniel Aaron Jack, Kansas Securities Commission, Confirmation Hearing

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Teichman welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented for Committee approval, Minutes of January 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 25, and 26. Senator Longbine moved to approve the Minutes. Senator Masterson seconded. Motion passed.

Confirmation Hearing

The Chair invited Aaron Jack to tell the Committee about his employment background. Mr. Jack said he began his consulting career in the financial services industry 12 years ago as a wholesaler for Jackson National Life Distributors, Inc. He said while residing in California, he consulted with over 400 financial planners as a Brokerage Manager. After his five-year stint with Jackson National and Travelers Insurance wholesaling investment products Mr. Jack said he joined New York Life where he worked for six years as part of the individual Annuity Department. He then represented New York Life as its West-Central Zone Divisional Director which included 15 states. He said he served one term in the Kansas House as Representative for the 99th District. He served on the Judiciary, Commerce and Labor and Health and Human Services Committees. (Attachment 1)

Senator Masterson moved confirmation of Aaron Jack to the Senate Floor. Senator Steineger seconded. Motion passed.

Bill introduction

Jim Hall, American Council of Life Insurance, introduced a bill to modernize the state's life insurance laws.

Senator Steineger moved introduction. Senator Masterson seconded. Motion passed.

Bill introduction

Lee Wright, Farmers Insurance, said similar legislation was passed by the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee in 2009. He said the full Senate also passed the legislation that same year, however, the bill stalled out in the House. Mr. Wright said if an uninsured driver is involved in a vehicle accident, they are restricted to recovering only their economic damages against the at-fault driver. He said economic damages include expenses for past and future medical care, lost wages and property damage to the vehicle. He said the uninsured driver is not eligible to receive compensation for non-economic damages such as pain and suffering. The bill also would carry a provision that would preclude a driver involved in an accident and found guilty of DUI from recovering for non-economic damages, he said.

Senator Steineger moved introduction. Senator Longbine seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.