

Approved:
Date: January 29, 2002

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 9:30 a.m. on January 23, 2002 in Room 234 N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
JoAnn Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Franklin Nelson, Kansas Bank Commissioner
Mercedes Bern-Klug, ElderCount Project Director, Center on Aging, KUMC
Sam Markello, Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc., ElderCount Advisory Committee
Rosemary Chapin, University of Kansas, ElderCount Advisory Committee
Debra Zehr, Kansas Assn. Of Homes & Services for the Aging, ElderCount Advisory Committee

Others attending: See attached list.

Introduction of bills

Franklin Nelson, Kansas Bank Commissioner, requested introduction of a bill that would allow the Commissioner to appoint regional managers and financial examiner administrators employed by the office of the State Bank Commissioner. Senator Teichman made a motion that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Feleciano. The motion carried.

Report on the ElderCount Project

Mercedes Bern-Klug, Kansas ElderCount Project Director, Center on Aging, KUMC, briefed the Committee on the ElderCount project. The purpose of the Kansas ElderCount project is to design and produce a chart book describing key measures of older adult well-being at the county level. Such key measures include economic conditions, health, community living, nursing home and long-term care insurance coverage of the older adult. (Attachment1)

The ElderCount project was patterned after the Kids Count project that tracks the well-being of children in Kansas and sponsored by the Kansas Action for Children. The ElderCount project was funded by the Kansas Health Foundation and the Milbank Memorial Fund. Ms. Bern-Klug is the Project Director and Senator Praeger is the Honorary Chair of the ElderCount Advisory Committee.

Ms. Bern-Klug introduced the following members of the ElderCount Advisory Committee who briefed the Committee on various data obtained from counties for the ElderCount project as noted in the attachment: Sam Markello, Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc.; Rosemary Chapin, University of Kansas; and Debra Zehr, Kansas Assn. of Homes & Services for the Aging. Ms. Bern-Klug noted that no other state has such a project as ElderCount.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2002.

