

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Barbieri-Lightner at 3:30 p.m. on February 24, 2004 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Grant- absent
Representative Broderick Henderson- absent
Representative Cindy Neighbor- absent
Representative David Huff- absent
Representative Eber Phelps- absent
Representative H. Jan Scoggins-Waite- absent
Representative Joe Humerickhouse- absent
Representative Nancy Kirk- absent
Representative Ray Cox- absent
Representative Stephanie Sharp- absent

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Rena Hansen, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bob Tomlinson, Insurance Department
Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles Revenue
Eileen King, Riley County Treasurer
Bill Sneed, State Farm

Others attending:

Twenty Six including but not limited to attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2852: Insurance: electronic verification of proof of auto insurance.

Proponents:

Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles Revenue, is in favor of making the current voluntary electronic verification of proof of auto insurance mandatory, as it would make the transactions in the county treasurers offices speed along, and would be good to law enforcement officials to have that information also.

Eileen King, Riley County Treasurer, Kansas County Treasurers Association, (Attachment #1), believes it is essential to make this mandatory for insurance companies to comply with the voluntary electronic verification option that was made available. Having electronic verification available to the treasurers office allows them to be able to speed along the process of re-registering ones vehicles.

Questions were posed by: Representatives Mary Kauffman and Patricia Barbieri-Lightner.

Bob Tomlinson, Insurance Department, (Attachment #2). The Insurance Department stands firmly in favor of **HB 2852**. Only 37% of the Insurance companies have complied with the voluntary electronic verification option. Until it is mandated, some of the Insurance companies have said they will never comply.

Questions were posed by: Representative Mary Kauffman

Opponents:

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Bill Sneed, State Farm, (Attachment #3), testified that State Farm was concerned that if the legislature moves forward in some kind of mandatory program, that what we have in place now does not have to be changed. They are asking for wording that would say something to the affect, any program in effect prior to the affective date of this act will be deemed in compliance. Absent that they have no other position on the bill.

Questions were posed by: Representatives Mike Burgess, Mary Kaufman, and Mario Goico.

The hearing was closed on **HB 2852**.

Meeting Adjourned.