

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ruth Teichman at 9:30 a.m. on January 15, 2004 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator David Adkins- excused

Senator David Corbin- excused

Committee staff present:

Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Nancy Shaughnessy, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jeff Bottenberg, State Farm Insurance

Clarence Norris State Banking Commissioner

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Jeff Bottenberg, State Farm Insurance Company presented information (Attachment 1) requesting bill introduction that would allow insurers to issue contracts of insurance and other materials in a foreign language.

Clarence Norris, Kansas State Banking Commission, over viewed the function and purpose of the Commission. (Attachment 2) He also addressed some of the legislative issues that would come before the Committee, specifically, "payday loans." The Commission has a concern regarding the exorbitant interest rates and schemes that are in place to attract consumers. They would like to see a reduction in the interest rates and a cap on the number of times that an individual may receive a payday loan in a 12-month period.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2004