

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 10, 2001 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Teichman (Excused)

Committee staff present: Dr. Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
JoAnn Buntin, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance

Others attending: See attached list

**Introduction of Members and Staff**

The Chair welcomed members of the FI&I Committee and staff. After introductions, the Chair reviewed the Committee agenda for the upcoming week.

**Introduction of Bills**

The Chair called upon Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, who gave an overview of the insurance industry and the Kansas Insurance Department. Commissioner Sebelius briefed the Committee on proposed legislation that the Department introduced in the House Committee on Insurance, and requested the Committee introduce the following legislation in the Senate relating to Producer Licensing Model Act, Ob-Gyn Access and HIPAA. (Attachment 1)

A conceptual motion was made and seconded by Senator Salmans that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. The motion carried.

During Committee discussion on proposed House legislation, Commissioner Sebelius provided information on proposed privacy standards for health information that were included in the new rules for the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. She also noted there currently is no law in Kansas to protect health information privacy issues.

As a Committee request, Commissioner Sebelius agreed to provide more information on NAIC.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 11, 2001.

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