

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Barbieri-Lightner at 3:30 p.m. on January 23, 2003 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Excused: David Huff, Bob Grant. Absent: Broderick Henderson.

Committee staff present: Renae Hansen, Ken Wilke, Bill Wolff.

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Paul Davis, Kansas State Legislature, Sandy Praeger, Kansas State Insurance Commissioner.

Others attending: 14 others, see attached list for those who signed the register.

Request for Committee Bills: Representative Paul Davis requested an introduction for a committee bill with the substance of the bill identical to a Bill that was introduced in the 2000 session as bill number 2777. The bill provides parity in insurance coverage for contraceptives. (Attachment #1)

Questions were posed by: Representative Goico.

Representative Bonnie Sharp moved that we accept the bill for introduction, seconded by Representative Ray Cox, passed unanimously by the committee.

Sandy Praeger, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Kansas, gave an introduction of her staff and was before the committee to establish open lines of communication with the committee. (Attachment #2) In addition, a fact sheet on the Kansas Insurance Department FY 2001 was presented and reviewed.

Questions were posed by: Representatives Schwab, Goico, Cox, and Neighbor.

Chair Barbieri-Lightner encouraged all members to attend the Health Policy Forum, January 28, 2003.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting January 30, 2003.