

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Dahl at 9:35 A.M. on March 10, 2006 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Renaë Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
June Evans, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jeff Cooper, KTLA  
Larry Karns, Kansas Self Insurers Association  
Jeff Wells, Vice President, Kansas Pest Control Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Staff gave a briefing on **HB 2995**. The Department of Agriculture would give the tests and are willing to accept this responsibility. This would be under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act.

The Chairman said hearings were held on **SB 461 - Workers compensation; preexisting condition, permanent partial general disability; supplemental functional disability compensation**. Some of the conferees were asked to come back to respond to questions. The floor was opened for questions.

After discussion Representative Grange moved and Representative Sharp seconded to move SB 461 out without consideration.

Representative Schwab moved and Representative Kiegerl seconded a Substitute Motion to pass SB 461 out favorably. The motion carried.

The Chairman was in doubt if the motion carried and asked for a show of hands - 10 Yeas and 7 Nays. The members voting "No" asked to be recorded - Representatives Ruff, Burgess, Garcia, Grant, Henderson, Pauls, and Ruiz.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2995 - Qualifications of persons conducting certain inspections for wood destroying insects.**

Jeff Wells, Vice President, Kansas Pest Control Association, testified as a proponent to **HB 2995**. To date Kansas does not require any type of training, education or standards for persons performing wood-destroying insect inspections. Lending institutions require such inspections in most all real estate transactions. Over 20 states have implemented minimum standards for inspectors in an effort to protect consumers. Every industry should establish a minimum standard of education in order to protect the public interest and maintain industry professionalism. This bill provides wood destroying insect inspectors with that very standard (Attachment 1).

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be March 14.