

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:30 A.M. on March 13, 2008 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Jay Emler- excused

Committee staff present:

Jennifer Thierer, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes

Jackie Lunn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Trinidad Galdean, SHRM

Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance Companies

Ron Gaches, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers

Others attending:

See attached list.

To read testimony submitted by conferees go to

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/government/KansasSenateCommerceCommittee>.

HB 2771--Concerning age discrimination**HB 2315--Home inspectors competency and financial responsibility**

Chairperson Jordan opened the hearing on **HB 2771** and introduced Trinidad Galdean to give his testimony as a proponent of the bill. Mr. Galdean presented written testimony (Attachment 1) which can be found in its entirety on the link shown above.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Galdean's testimony there were questions and answers regarding why the age limit had been changed from 40 to 18. Mr. Galdean stated he did not know why but it was changed in 1988 and stated the original intent of the bill was the age to be 40. Chairperson Jordan instructed staff to find out why it was changed and stated he would leave the hearing open to get the additional information.

Chairperson Jordan called the Committee attention to the "written only" proponent testimony of Marlee Carpenter, KCCI, (Attachment 2) and the "written only" neutral party testimony of the Kansas Human Rights Commission (Attachment 3). Both testimonies can be found in their entirety on the link listed above.

Next, Chairperson Jordan opened the continued hearing on **HB 2315** and called the Committee's attention to the "written only" opponent testimony of Gary Farnsworth, Metro-Spec (Attachment 4) which can be found in its entirety on the link listed above.

Chairperson Jordan introduced Bill Sneed, State Farm Insurance companies, to give his testimony as a neutral party of the bill. Mr. Sneed presented written testimony (Attachment 5) which can be found in its entirety on the link shown above.

A short question and answer session followed Mr. Sneed's testimony and then Chairperson Jordan introduced Ron Gaches, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, to give his testimony as a neutral party of the bill. Mr. Gaches presented written testimony (Attachment 6) which can be found in its entirety on the link shown above.

Chairperson asked if there was anyone else wishing to testify on HB 2315; being none he closed the hearing and adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the next scheduled meeting to be March 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in room 123 S.