

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 March 7, 2001 in Room 234-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Discussion and Action on HB 2033 - Insurance; report to the legislature concerning certain mental illnesses

The Chair called the Committee's attention to information contained in a report by the University of Kansas, Institute for Public Policy and Business Research dated September, 1997, entitled: *The Cost of Equal Health Insurance Coverage for Major Mental Illnesses*, which was prepared for NAMI Kansas (formerly Kansas Alliance for the Mentally Ill), as well as information on Mental Health Parity Costs that was distributed to the Committee, (Attachment 1), an executive summary on a final report to Congress by the National Advisory Mental Health Council entitled, *Statewide Experiences of Other States Following Passage of Mental Health Parity*, and a Comparison of Mandated Mental Illness Insurance Coverage by States, (Attachment 2).

The Chair briefed the Committee on a balloon of **Senate Substitute for House Bill 2033**. (Attachment 3).

During Committee discussion it was suggested the words "individual or" be deleted on page 1, line 14 of the Substitute bill, and the date "January 1, 2005" be inserted in subsection (b) relating to the date that a report be delivered to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by the State Insurance Department indicating the impact of providing mental illness benefits under the act.

Senator Teichman made a motion the Committee adopt the proposed amendments to **Senate Substitute for HB 2033**, and that the Committee recommend **Senate Substitute for HB 2033 as amended** favorable for passage, seconded by Senator Steineger. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 8, 2001.