

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22, 2006
ROOM W020, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX**

Members Present: Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Chair
Sen. Gregory S. Bell
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Scott D. McCoy

Member Absent: President John L. Valentine
Sen. Peter C. Knudson

Staff Present: Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Nedra B. Duzett, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Doug Springmeyer, Attorney General's Office
Tom Holt, Government Affairs, Schering-Plough

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Committee Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2006 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bell absent for the vote.

1. H.B. 0114 Minimum Enforcement of Food Sanitation Rules (S. Clark)

The bill was not considered.

2. H.B. 0129 Public Health Amendments (B. Last)

Rep. Last explained the bill with the assistance of Doug Springmeyer of the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Springmeyer expressed strong support for the bill.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to pass the bill out favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. H.B. 0156S01 Health Insurance Accessibility (J. Dunnigan)

Rep. Dunnigan proposed an amendment.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to adopt the following amendment proposed by Rep. Dunnigan:

Page 9, Line 269:

269 individual carrier's option. =

(d) An individual policy issued in accordance with this Subsection (2) is not subject to Subsection 31A-26-301.6(9).

The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Dunnigan explained the amended bill.

Tom Holt, Government Affairs, Schering-Plough, spoke to the bill. He had particular concerns with line 239.

Micky Braun, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Insurance, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Sen. Bell moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 8, Lines 229 through 231

229 (b) (i) [~~The~~] Except as provided in Section 31A-22-630 **and except for the**
230 **treatment of asthma or when the condition is due to cancer**, the following may be the
230 subject of a condition-specific exclusion rider {~~except for the treatment of~~
asthma or when} [a
231 ~~mastectomy has been performed or~~] {~~the condition is due to cancer~~} :

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Bell moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Bell moved to adjourn.

Sen. Christensen adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary.

Sen. Allen Christensen, Committee Chair