

**MINUTES OF THE
BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 – 2:30 p.m. – Room 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. John L. Valentine, Senate Chair
Rep. James A. Dunnigan, House Chair
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. C. Brent Wallis

Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Jack R. Draxler
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Patrick Painter

Staff Present:

Mr. Bryant R. Howe, Assistant Director
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Amanda K. Majers, Legislative Secretary

Members Absent:

Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Daniel R. Liljenquist

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Kiser moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Insurance Law Related Amendments

Rep. Dunnigan distributed and discussed 2011 General Session draft legislation, "Insurance Law Related Amendments" (2011FL-0233/018). Rep. Dunnigan highlighted the differences between the version of the draft legislation presented to the Committee and the version that was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Ms. Tanji Northrup, Director of Health Insurance Division & Office of Consumer Health Assistance, Utah Insurance Department, spoke to the health provisions in the draft legislation.

Mr. Neal Gooch, Commissioner, Utah Insurance Department, was available to answer questions.

Chair Valentine turned the chair over to Rep. Kiser.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine moved to delete Section 23 from 2011 General Session draft legislation, "Insurance Law Related Amendments" (2011FL-0233/018) and to direct staff to make related technical amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kiser returned the chair to Sen. Valentine.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to adopt, as amended, 2011 General Session draft legislation, "Insurance Law Related Amendments" (2011FL-0233/018), as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Sunset Review -- Assessment on Title Insurance Agencies or Title Insurers

Mr. Gooch stated that 2011 General Session draft legislation, "Insurance Law Related Amendments" (2011FL-0233/018) removes the Assessment on Title Insurance Agencies or Title Insurers provision (Utah Code Section 31A-23a-415) from the sunset act.

4. Workers' Compensation Rate Filings

Rep. Kiser discussed 2011 General Session draft legislation, "Workers' Compensation Rate Filings" (2011FL-0329/002), which was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. Rep. Kiser stated the draft legislation authorizes workers' compensation insurance providers to have tiered rating programs.

Mr. Dennis Lloyd, Workers' Compensation Fund, explained the provisions of the draft legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to adopt 2011 General Session draft legislation, "Workers' Compensation Rate Filings" (2011FL-0329/002), as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

5. State Construction and State Fire Codes Act

A handout, "Outline: Title 15A. State Construction and Fire Codes Act," was distributed by staff.

6. Shareholder Action Without Meeting

This agenda item was not discussed.

7. Independent Contractors

This agenda item was not discussed.

8. Worker Classification

This agenda item was not discussed.

9. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Wallis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.