

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2013

TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Henderson, Vice Chairman Thompson, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Batt, Agidius, Clow, Hixon, Kauffman, Monks, Morse, Stevenson, Youngblood, Smith, Rusche, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Hixon, Collins, Rusche,

GUESTS: Kent Day, Liberty Mutual Insurance; Mike Kane, Property and Casualty Insurers of America; Jim Werbeckes, Employers Insurers; Alex Hagel, Property and Casualty Insurers of America; Phil Barber, AIA; Woody Richards, Farm Bureau, All State, American Family Insurance; Angela Richards, Farm Bureau, All State, American Family Insurance; Paul Jackson, Farmers Group, Inc.; Lyn Darrington, State Farm Insurance Companies

Chairman Henderson turned the gavel over to **Rep. Youngblood**.

Chairman Youngblood called the meeting to order at 2:44 P.M.

MOTION: **Rep. Agidius** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27,2013. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 232: **Michael Kane**, Property and Casualty Insurers of America, presented **H 232** Allowing Electronic Delivery of Insurance Related Documents. He said this legislation deals with electronic transfer of insurance documents when the receiving party agrees in advance to participate in such delivery.

Jim Werbeckes, Employers Insurance, **spoke in support** of **H 232**. He said this bill is intended to allow insurers to conduct business with policy holders who wish to do business via the internet. He said electronic delivery and electronic signature functions are currently being done successfully in other states. He said electronic delivery reduces overhead, allows for efficiency, reduces the carbon footprints of each company and policy holders who choose to participate.

Alex Hagel, Property and Casualty Insurers of America, **spoke in support** of **H 232**. He said electronic delivery will be optional for policy holders and consumers who can choose to opt out of this delivery method at any time. He said confirmation processes for receipt of electronic documents are in place, such that, should they not be received, a paper policy will follow via other certified means such as the United States postal service.

Michael Kane returned to the podium to summarize the presentation and answer questions.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 232** to the house floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 P.M.

Representative Youngblood
Chair

Catherine Costner
Secretary