

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Agriculture and Insurance

Senate Bill 617

Relating to: prohibiting certain rules related to defined network plans and preferred provider plans, requiring defined network plans and preferred provider plans to provide certain notices, requiring the commissioner of insurance to publish a guide describing out-of-network coverage for all defined network plans, and other miscellaneous provisions related to preferred provider plans.

By Senator Kapanke; cosponsored by Representative Nischke.

February 20, 2006 Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Insurance.

February 22, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.

Absent: (2) Senators Brown and Olsen.

Appearances For

- Dan Schwartzer — Mr., Wisconsin Association of Provider Networks; Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters

Appearances Against

- Paul Merline, Madison — Mr., Wisconsin Association of Health Plans
- Chris Taylor, Madison — Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Greg Horstman, Madison — Mr., Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters
- Bill G. Smith, Madison — Mr., National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); Wisconsin Coalition for Civil Justice

Registrations Against

- Jorge Gomez, Madison — Commissioner, Wisconsin Department of Insurance Commissioner
- Kathryn Mc Gowan, Madison — Ms., Physicians Plus

- Michael Heifetz, Madison — Mr., Dean Health Care; SSM Health Care of Wisconsin

March 1, 2006

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (6) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Olsen, Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.

Absent: (1) Senator Brown.

Moved by Senator Kapanke, seconded by Senator Olsen that **Senate Amendment LRB a2490** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Brown, Olsen, Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT LRB a2490 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Olsen, seconded by Senator Kapanke that **Senate Bill 617** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (4) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Brown and Olsen.

Noes: (3) Senators Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 3

John Perlich
Committee Clerk