

Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for COMMERCE

Date: *February 21, 2017*

Location: *RM 22*

Convened: *3:00 PM*

Adjourned: *3:20 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Anderson-CH, Breitbach-VC, Petersen-RM, Allen, Bertrand, Boulton, Feenstra, Guth, Johnson, C., Lykam, Mathis, McCoy, Sinclair, Zaun, Zumbach

Absent:

Excused:

- The Commerce Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
- Attendance roll was taken silently.
- The minutes of February 9, 2017, were approved.
- Senator Anderson, Chair, announced that the Committee would discuss [SSB 1004](#), with amendment; and [SSB 1044](#), with amendment.
- Senator Anderson recognized Senator C. Johnson for opening comments on [SSB 1004](#). There was an amendment, [SSB 1004](#).711. There were no questions or comments on the bill or the amendment and [SSB 1004](#), as amended, was unanimously approved on a short form vote and will be moved to the calendar under Rule 40.
- Senator Anderson recognized Senator Sinclair for opening comments on [SSB 1044](#). There was an amendment, [SSB 1044](#).530. There were no questions or comments, and [SSB 1044](#), as amended, was unanimously approved on a short form vote and will be moved to the calendar under Rule 40.
- The Chair then introduced the Governor's Appointee to Commissioner of Insurance, Doug Ommen. Ommen addressed the committee on his views of the regulatory environment and his outlook for the future. Senator C. Johnson congratulated Mr. Ommen on his appointment and noted that he was unanimously approved by the sub-committee. There were questions regarding what he sees as the top issues facing the insurance industry in Iowa today, and what ramifications there might be if the Federal Government approves interstate insurance sales. Following his remarks, the Chair thanked the Commissioner for meeting with the Committee.
- Senator C. Johnson read the Appointment of Doug Ommen that was approved by the full sub-committee of Senators Guth, Mathis and C. Johnson. On a short form vote the Committee unanimously voted to move the appointment to the Calendar.
- All agenda business having been accomplished, Senator Petersen moved to arise at 3:20 p.m.

Barbara Willey, Committee Secretary