The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revision Committee met at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort in Hilton Head, South Carolina, on Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 12:00 p.m.

Rep. Craig Eiland of Texas, chair of the Committee, presided.

Other members of the Committee present were:
- Rep. Shirley Bowler, LA
- Rep. George Keiser, ND
- Assem. Nancy Calhoun, NY
- Rep. Mark Young, VT

Other legislators present were:
- Sen. Ann Cummings, VT

Also in attendance were:
- Susan Nolan, Nolan Associates, NCOIL Executive Director
- Candace Thorson, NCOIL Director of Legislative Affairs & Education, Property-Casualty Insurance
- Franesa Liebich, NCOIL Director of Legislative Affairs & Education, Health, Life, and Workers’ Compensation Insurance

MINUTES

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its November 18, 2004, meeting in Duck Key, Florida.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Committee discussed a proposed amendment, sponsored by Rep. Bowler, to the NCOIL Articles of Organization. She said the amendment would omit language giving authority to the NCOIL Steering Committee, which she said was comprised of NCOIL officers and committee chairs and had authority to make policy decisions for the organization between NCOIL conferences.

The Committee discussed the proposed amendment at some length, including reviewing the history behind formation of the Steering Committee.


Rep. Eiland and Ms. Nolan then raised issues regarding membership on NCOIL Committees, particularly related to 1) late joining of legislators on Committees, 2) larger
than normal delegations from certain states on certain Committees, and 3) geographic and other representation on Committees. The group discussed potential ways to address these concerns, including limiting the number of votes that each state would have on a Committee and amending the provision regarding when a new Committee member could vote at a meeting.

Legislators determined not to take action at the Spring Meeting but to consider the matter further at some future time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.