



GAHU

Under the Gold Dome Report

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The General Assembly resumed session on Monday, March 8th. The budget is still the primary concern, but there were multiple healthcare bills that were under consideration this week.

What happened this week:

- [Senate Bill 330](#) was approved from the Senate Insurance committee and was read again on March 11th. This bill would change the rules for rescinding coverage on major medical policies, delete lifetime maximums on policies and extend dependent coverage for children to the age of 25 regardless of student status.
- More action on the interstate health insurance bills happened this week: [Senate Bill 407](#) was approved from the Senate Insurance committee and was read for the second time on March 11th. This bill allows cross state line selling of policies. The house bill regarding this issue, [HB 1184](#) had a committee hearing on Thursday, March 11th and will have another committee meeting next week. These bills enjoy a great deal of popularity and we will continue to monitor them closely. The NAIC has published a paper, [NAIC Interstate Health Insurance Sales: Myth vs. Reality](#) that does not report favorably on this topic. NAHU has a study committee on this topic, on which I participate, and has not put forth a statement regarding this matter.
- [House Bill 1268](#) was read for the second time on March 9th. This is the ARRA “fix” bill for continuation for terminated employees that are not eligible for COBRA.
- High Risk Reinsurance Risk Pool - [Senate Bill 453](#) - was read and referred to committee on March 8th.

- GAHU had 20+ representatives in Washington DC from March 7th through March 10th. We met with the Senators and Representatives from Georgia to talk about Health Care Insurance Reform ~ and responsible Health Care Reform. We urge all GAHU members to contact their representatives and vote NO on the massive bill that will change our country. More importantly - contact your clients, friends and other people you know and have them do the same. We can make a difference and make our voices heard! Look for and respond to the Operation Shout that NAHU will be sending you!

We have meeting scheduled this week with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Ralph Hudgens, Chairman John Meadows and Representative Tom Knox and plan to attend the committee meetings that are scheduled for this week.

If you are interested in coming downtown to work with me, please let me know - I would love to have your support!

Respectfully submitted,

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