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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance on SB 331  
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The Office of the State Bank Commissioner appreciates the opportunity to provide written and oral testimony on SB 331, which its sole purpose is to revoke K.S.A. 52-717.

K.S.A. 52-717 was enacted in 1915, and in its entirety states that no law shall be construed to prevent banks from paying checks drafts, or other bills of exchange upon Saturday afternoon, or upon any legal holiday: Provided, such payments would be legal if made at other times. This statute was part of an act that regulated negotiable instruments. All other laws under this act were repealed in 1965. It is unclear why this statute remained valid while all other statutes in this act were repealed. Today, negotiable instruments and checks are regulated by articles 3 and 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

We have determined that this statute is no longer necessary as it is widely understood that financial institutions are permitted to pay checks and other negotiable instruments on Saturdays and other legal holidays. We therefore support repealing this statute and request that this committee recommend this bill to the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brock Roehler".

Brock Roehler  
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