

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on March 09, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Emler (Excused)  
Senator Kerr (Excused)  
Senator Wagle (Excused)

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes  
Lea Gerard, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Robert S. Krause  
John G. Voeller

Others attending: See attached list.

The Committee considered the reappointment of Robert S. Krause, member of Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, term expiring.

Mr. Robert Krause addressed the committee and provided a brief history of his background and experience. He stated he is vice-president of Institutional Advancement at Kansas State University. Over the last 15 years at Kansas State, he has worked closely with the economic development initiatives. He has spent the 3 ½ years with KTEC and worked with the investment committee and executive committee (Attachment 1).

John Voeller addressed the committee and provided a brief history of his background and experience. He grew up in Kansas, attended Georgia Institute of Technology where he received an Engineering degree and went to work for Black & Veatch for the last twenty-five years. His work duties have ranged from Nuclear Piping Engineer, Stress Engineer, Start-up Engineer and then moved into the computer arena about 20 years ago. He has been involved with KTEC and Rich Bendis for a very long time and view them as a significant resource (Attachment 2).

**Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to confirm the reappointment of Robert Krause and the appointment of Steve Voeller, members of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Council (KTEC) board. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

**HB 2005**–Simplification of tax increment financing procedures.

**Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Brungrardt, that HB 2005 be recommended favorable for passage. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Senator Jordan will carry the bill.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for March 12, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.