

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on February 15, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Gene Rardin- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes

Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joan Wagon, Secretary, Dept. Of Revenue

Marlee Carpenter - Kansas C of C

Derrick Sontag - NFIB

Allie Devine - Ks Livestock Assoc.

Christy Caldwell - Topeka C of C

Ashley Sherard - Lenexa C of C

Betty Nelson – CBIZ Accounting

Others attending:

See attached list.

HB 2496 - an act concerning taxation; relating to credits; enacting the Kansas investment credit act and the Kansas jobs credit act.

The Chair introduced Marlee Carpenter who told the Committee that her organization had worked up a business proposal regarding **HB 2496** that would reduce the threshold for both the investment tax credit and the jobs credit. (Attachment 1).

She also offered testimony in support of the overall goal of **HB 2496**. (Attachment 2).

Derrick Sontag appeared as a proponent of **HB 2496**. (Attachment 3).

Allie Devine addressed the Committee in support of **HB 2496**. (Attachment 4).

Joan Wagon addressed the Committee about the Department of Revenue's actions toward **HB 2496**. (No written testimony was provided).

Christy Caldwell spoke of her organization's support for the concepts embodied in **HB 2496** with some recommendations for change. (Attachment 5).

Ashley Sherard offered testimony in favor of **HB 2496**. (Attachment 6).

Betty Nelson testified as a proponent for **HB 2496**. (Attachment 7).

Questions and answers followed.

Written only testimony in support of **HB 2496** was distributed from Kelly Schoen, CEO, Z3 Graphics, (Attachment 8); Lee Harris, President, Cohen-Esrey Real Estate Services, Inc., (Attachment 9) and Roxanne Helphingstone, President, Mission Electronics, Inc. (Attachment 10).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2007.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Economic Development and Tourism Committee at 3:30 P.M. on February 15, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

Derrick Sontag appeared in support of **HB 2496**. (Attachment 2).