

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on February 06, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statues  
Sherman Parks, Revisor of Statues  
Lea Gerard, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Rae Anne Davis, Fiscal Officer  
Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing  
Ashley Sherard, Johnson County Government  
Charles Ranson, President & CEO, Kansas, Inc.

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Brownlee recognized Ashley Sherard, Johnson County Government, who requested the introduction of a bill that would empower Johnson County to utilize certain economic development tools to redevelop the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant. Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to introduce the bill relating to Johnson County utilizing economic development tools. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Jenkins that a bill be introduced regarding additional STAR Bond authority for tourist destination sites in the state. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Chairperson Brownlee recognized Rae Anne Davis, Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, who requested the introduction of two bills relating to the Kansas Business Incentive Program (KBIP) and Investments in Major Projects and Comprehensive Training Program (IMPACT). Senator Jenkins moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to request introduction of the two bills relating to KBIP and IMPACT. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Senator Emler moved, seconded by Senator Steineger to request introduction of a bill that relates to workers compensation and appointing one member to the advisory board from the Physical Therapy Association. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Senator Emler moved, seconded by Senator Brungardt to request introduction of a bill that provides Broadband service in rural areas. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. It was noted that this is the Southwestern Bell "deregulation" bill.

Senator Brownlee moved, seconded by Senator Barone to request introduction of a bill that would restructure economic development heads (Department of Commerce, KTEC and Kansas Inc.) The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Senator Emler moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to request introduction of a bill that would fund KAN-ED utilizing KSUF. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to request introduction of a prompt-pay bill related to the construction industry. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Senator Jenkins moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to request introduction of a multiple dwelling unit bill related to the cable industry. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Charles Ranson, President, Kansas, Inc. briefed the Committee on the Kansas Inc. Strategic Report entitled "Making the Knowledge Economy Work for All Kansans"(Attachment 1). The report represents recognition of fundamental changes that need to be made in the Kansas economy.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE at on February 06, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2002 at 8:30 a.m.