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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 January 31, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Don Myers- excused
Annie Tietze- 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:

Erik Pedersen, Mgr, Ks Center for Entrepreneurship
Steve Radley, Dir. Ks Center for Entrepreneurship
Wally Kearns, State Dir., KSBDC

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Huntington made the motion for a bill that would create the Kansas Investment Credit Act. The motion was seconded by Representative Hill and passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Huntington and seconded by Representative Craft for a bill to create the Kansas Jobs Credit Act. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Chair introduced Erik Pedersen who gave a brief update on the Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship (Attachment 1).

Questions and answers followed

Steve Radley spoke next to the Committee and provided a status report concerning the initiatives of the Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship. (Attachment 2).

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An overview was offered by Wally Kearns of the Kansas Small Business Development Center. (KSBDC). (Attachment 3).

Copies of magazine articles were distributed that spoke of the country being in the midst of the largest surge in entrepreneurial ever seen. (Attachment 4).

Questions and answers followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2007.