

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:03 a.m. on January 21, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard- excused

Committee staff present:

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Christina Butler, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nobuko Folmsbee, office of the Revisor of Statutes
Kelly Cure, Chief of Staff
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Governor's FY 2009 Budget Recommendation
- Attachment 2 Aviation Research
- Attachment 3 National Aviation Training
- Attachment 4 Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation

Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce legislation for depositions for district court fines for forfeitures. The motion was seconded by Representative Whitham. Motion carried.

Jerry Sloan, Fiscal Officer of the Office of Judicial Administration, presented an overview of the Governor's revised budget recommendations (Attachment 1). Mr. Sloan stated that salaries for employees and judges are primarily funded by the State General Fund (SGF), which represents 97.67 percent of the FY 2009 budget. Constitutional prohibitions against reducing salaries and statutory provisions for filling vacancies, were noted by Mr. Sloan.

Mr. Sloan responded to questions from Committee members in regards to the impact of the proposed 3% budget cuts relating to court cases and filing time frames, early retirement, voluntary salary reductions and furlough options.

Governor John Moore, presented an overview of the aviation industry as it relates to the difficulties the industry has faced and present concerns with proposed budget cuts. The aviation industry succeeded because of new products and technology. Governor Moore introduced aviation executives who are in attendance to support the presenters.

Jim Crone, Director of Structural Integrity, presented information on the aviation industry's economic impact in Kansas. Emphasis was placed on the need for future technology (Attachment 2). Director Crone requested continued support for research and products, and the approval of a \$5,000,000 appropriation.

Dan Dymarkowski, Director of Labor Relations for Hawker Beechcraft, presented an overview of the National Center for Aviation Training (Attachment 3). Director Dymarkowski discussed competition within aviation clusters both global and domestic. The expansion of operations in Kansas with an investment of over \$1,000,000,000, continued educational programs and new program, and opening of the Manufacturing Tech Center and Aviation Service Center in the fall of 2010 were discussed by Director Dymarkowski.

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Dan Dymarkowski responded to questions from Committee members in regards to domestic competition and employment issues.

Governor John Moore responded to questions from Committee members in regards to business utilization of private aircraft and the impact on the aviation industry.

Tracy Taylor, President and CEO of Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC), presented an agency overview. He discussed the impact of the Governor's FY2009 revised budget recommendations (Attachment 4). The Governor's recommendation for FY 2009 cut of \$1.38 million represents funds that have been committed for the current fiscal year. Mr. Taylor asked the Committee to retain its authority to allocate additional cuts across programs in FY 2009 and FY 2010.

Tracy Taylor responded to questions from Committee members in regards to wages and priority focus areas.

● Additional information requested:

- 10 year history of wages & contract labor & return on investments to the state
- 20 year history of KTEC holdings

Vice-Chair Watson stated that conferees will be rescheduled to testify on **HB 2022** during tomorrow's committee meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Chair, Kevin Yoder