

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Susan Wagle – Excused

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research

Debbie Bartuccio, Committee Assistant

Norm Furse, Office of Revisor

Edward Penner, Legislative Research

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Committee introductions and organizations

Chairperson Lynn welcomed Senator Molly Baumgardner and Senator Rick Wilborn as new members of the Senate Commerce Committee. She next invited all Committee members to introduce themselves, and she recognized the staff members.

The Chair expressed her appreciation of the diversity and backgrounds of the Committee members. She indicated she was particularly interested in economic and workforce development, a friendly business environment, and the availability of jobs. She requested members to provide ideas for presentations to the Committee.

Chairperson Lynn next referred to three documents which were provided to the Committee. These included the Senate Commerce Committee Rules ([Attachment 1](#)), Guidelines for Conferees Appearing Before the Senate Commerce Committee ([Attachment 2](#)), and a listing of 2015 Commerce Committee members ([Attachment 3](#)). Concerning the submission of testimony by conferees, the Chair stated the importance of providing the information according to the requested time line. She indicated if testimony was not provided in a timely manner, the conferee's testimony would be accepted as written only.

The Chair stated there would be a series of informational meetings over the next few weeks. She indicated there has been some interest in possible changes to worker's compensation and unemployment insurance regulations. She closed by encouraging Committee members to contact her if there are any questions concerning the Committee's agenda and emphasized the importance of effective communication.

Bill introductions

There were no bill introductions.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Commerce at 8:30 am on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

Chairperson Lynn adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2015.