

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julia Lynn at 8:30 am on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Susan Wagle – Excused

Committee staff present:
Debbie Bartuccio, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
Chuck Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Luke Bell, General Counsel and Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors
Wess Galyon, Kansas Building Industry Association
Larry Baer, General Counsel, The League of Kansas Municipalities

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB366 — Prohibiting price controls on the purchase or sale of private residential or commercial property.

Chairperson Lynn requested Revisor Chuck Reimer to provide an overview of the bill.

Chairperson Lynn recognized the following conferees:

Luke Bell, General Counsel and Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

Wess Galyon, Kansas Building Industry Association, provided testimony in support of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#))

Larry Baer, General Counsel, The League of Kansas Municipalities, provided testimony in opposition to the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

There was no testimony neutral to the bill. No written only testimony was submitted.

Senator Faust-Goudeau questioned Mr. Galyon whether Habitat for Humanity was one of the non-profit organizations the Kansas Building Industry Association works with to provide affordable housing options. Mr. Galyon responded affirmatively. He said the need for affordable housing is a community

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issue that can be addressed through partnerships with private and public entities.

Senator Pilcher-Cook, referring to home rule authority, expressed a concern that the Kansas Supreme Court might rule this bill unconstitutional. Mr. Bell responded the Legislature has the ability to override home rule as long as the legislation is applied uniformly across the state.

Senator Holland questioned the purpose of the bill and said he did not see the urgency for it.

Senator Olson commented developers are working with a tight profit margin and will pursue building in areas where it is economically feasible to do so.

Chairperson Lynn closed the hearing on **SB 366**.

Final action on: SB338 — Rehabilitation of abandoned property by cities.

Chairperson Lynn requested Revisor Chuck Reimer to review amendments submitted by Whitney Damron for the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

Due to time constraints, Chairperson Lynn announced final action on **SB 338** would be continued on February 18, 2016.

Chairperson Lynn adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2016.