

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Agriculture & Small Business

Held in Room 423-S, at the Statehouse at 10:00 a.m. a. m./p. m.,
on Wednesday, February 18, 1981, 1981.

All members were present except: Sen. Ross Doyen (Excused)
Sen. Ed Reilly (Excused)

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. a. m./p. m.,
on Thursday, February 19, 1981, 1981.

These minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 1981 were
considered, corrected and approved.



Chairman

The conferees appearing before the Committee were:

Senator Billy McCray
Wayne Rogers, Kansas Department of Economic Development

Senator Kerr called the meeting to order. Senator Arasmith moved, Senator Karr seconded, that the minutes of the February 17, 1981 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Senator Kerr called on Senator McCray to present briefing on bills he had introduced, namely, S.B. 176--Requiring stores using automatic checkout systems to mark price on merchandise; S.B. 201--Establishing the small business energy act; S.B. 230, Creating the surety bond guarantee program for small contractors; S.B. 231 --Creating small contractors' revolving loan fund, and SCR 1623--Economic data base established. As to his background on these topics, Senator McCray stated he had worked the last three years with the National Advisory Council for Small Business and had been active also at the regional level. On S. B. 231, Senator McCray expressed hope that the state could appropriate \$1.5 million at some future date.

Senator McCray stated Senate Bill 230 is a companion bill to Senate Bill 231. If a person cannot get a surety bond in any other way, he felt the party should be able to get it some other way; this bill would enable him to get it through the state.

Relative to Senate Bill 201, this would allow some federal funds which go to the State Energy Office to be available to small businesses. Answering Senator Karr as to what states have this, Senator McCray stated the bill was patterned after Connecticut; some states have a procurement office doing it. He felt those who will appear before the committee Thursday, February 19, would have more specific answers to the various questions regarding this bill.

As to SCR 1623, Senator McCray has learned the Kansas Economic Development Office may already have this information, and he said the resolution may not be necessary. Senator McCray said he was requested to introduce Senate Bill 176 and it would be briefed in a future meeting of the committee.

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Wayne Rogers, Minority Business Director, Kansas Department of Economic Development, was introduced. He supported Senate Bills 230 and 231 and wanted to endorse the bills as presented by Senator McCray which would be of help to him in promoting minority and small businesses in connection with which the bonding issue and lending issue are usually problems. Replying to questioning by Senator Karr, Mr. Rogers stated he had been with KDED for 12 months and works particularly in Wichita, Kansas City and Topeka. Referring to business with the state purchasing department, less than 1% has been awarded the state minority businesses with 30% going to small businesses. He would like to increase the percentage.

In answer to inquiry by Senator Karr, Mr. Rogers stated he is familiar with all SBA programs and he has been successful in assisting six small business ventures.

Meeting adjourned.

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SENATE

AGRICULTURE AND SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE Wed., Feb. 18, 81 PLACE Room 423-S TIME 10 a.m.

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