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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Stephen R. Cloud at  
Chairperson

9:04 a.m. on Thursday, February 3, 1983 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman - Revisor  
Carolyn Rampey - Research Dept.  
Jackie Breymeyer - Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jamie Swartz, Secretary - Department of Economic Development

The meeting of the House Governmental Organization Committee was called to order by Rep. Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman, at 9:04 a.m. The minutes of the January 25 meeting were approved. The January 27 minutes and the Agenda for the week of February 7 were passed out.

On being asked by the Chairman for any comments, several Committee members responded on the overwhelming aspect of many areas involved in the subcommittees. The Chairman responded by suggesting that each subcommittee define what is going to be done, set priorities and work within a time frame for the most productive use of time.

Chairman Cloud introduced Jamie Swartz, Secretary, Department of Economic Development. Mr. Swartz said that there are seven divisions within a forty person department. The reason for Mr. Swartz appearing before the Committee today was to request the Committee to introduce a bill that would amend K.S.A. 74-5008b and thereby abolish the division of research and publications and the office of the director thereof, but retain the persons employed to perform other duties. In addition, the bill would amend K.S.A. 74-5005 by striking therefrom the statutorily required duty of the department to analyze freight rates. Avis Swartzman, Revisor, stated that these two requests could be accomplished in one bill with the correct wording doing what Mr. Swartz has recommended. (See Attachment)

Rep. Matlack moved that a bill be drafted, containing the proper language that would comply with Mr. Swartz's requests. Rep. Louis gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman stated that the hearing on HCR 5014, concerning the abstracters' board of examiners, will be held February 8. Also, three or four more bills might be generated in the future from the Rules and Regulations Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.





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February 3, 1983

Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman  
Governmental Organization Committee  
House of Representatives  
Kansas State Legislature  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairman Cloud:

The Kansas Department of Economic Development requests introduction of legislation to repeal the division status of its research and publications program and to remove from its statutory responsibilities the charge to analyze freight rates; to wit,

(1) K.S.A. 74-5008b Be repealed.

and

(2) K.S.A. 74-5005(p) Be repealed and the following subsection be renumbered;

This request is made to achieve administrative efficiency and to address obsolete responsibility for analysing transportation freight rates.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Schwartz  
Secretary

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