

Approved February 27, 1986  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

The meeting was called to order by Representative Jayne Aylward at  
Chairperson

3:30 ~~xxxx~~ a.m./p.m. on February 13, 1986 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Representative Erne

Committee staff present:  
Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department  
Jean Mellinger, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman Aylward opened the meeting and appointed Representative Freeman, Representative Friedeman, and Representative Dean to a Subcommittee to work on SB 226.

Chairman Aylward opened the hearing on HB 2748 which was introduced at the request of the Kansas Advanced Technology Commission, particularly Dr. Bradford, and adds the Secretary of Economic Development on the Commission. She mentioned that it has been suggested that they also put the Executive Director of the Board of Regents on the Commission. Since there was no one present to testify on the bill, the Chairman opened the meeting for discussion by the Committee. There are currently 13 members on the Commission which would be increased to 15 with the addition of the Secretary of Economic Development and the Executive Director of the Board of Regents.

Representative Green made a motion that the bill be amended to include the Executive Director of the Board of Regents. Representative Sifers seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Dean voted in opposition.

Representative Friedeman asked if the two people the bill would add are to serve themselves and not appoint someone else to represent them and was told that was correct.

There was discussion about there being compensation, and it was suggested that that would come out of their agency budgets and they should not be compensated further.

Representative Dean asked if they are changing the purpose of the Commission, and the Chairman said she didn't think they were. He said he felt they were getting away from the original intent of what the Commission is for, which is mostly to manage the research grant program and not the centers of excellence. The question came up as to whether the centers of excellence and the grant programs could be divided.

Representative Dean moved that they report the bill out adversely. Representative Sallee seconded the motion. Representative Sallee said in discussion that control of the Commission should rest with the Committee. He has some reservations about the larger the Commission the more confusion there will be. Representative Friedeman asked if they would be amenable to holding the number down and making one of the appointments of the Governor, the Secretary of Economic Development. Representative Dean said he could do that now if he wished. He thought there probably should be a little more working relationship with the Department of Economic Development and the KATC but he doesn't think this will do it.

At the request of the Chairman, Kevin Carr said the charge of the Commission is broader in scope than just the grants program. Part of their involvement is sort of stressing or developing an inner structure for high tech. He thinks the Secretary of Economic Development is dealing with that. He said this would be a time to solidify the relationship with the administration of the department. He said that on the matter of the Regents, that has come up within the Commission and the institutions feel they are representing

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themselves and the Executive Director of the Board of Regents would represent the universities as a whole.

Representative Sifers spoke against the proposed motion saying he thought it was very shortsighted.

Representative Friedeman made a substitute motion to table it. Representative Sallee seconded the motion. Representative Friedeman said that Mr. Carr can't speak for Mr. Koplík and he would like to hear from him before they make a decision. He wondered why there would not have been someone from the Board of Regents on the Commission from the start. Representative Dean said this has been mentioned many times over the last three years and it seems to just lie there so he thinks it is not wanted and that is why he made his motion. The substitute motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 1986.

