

Approved March 31, 1986
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

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

3:30 ~~XXX~~/p.m. on February 27, 1986 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Chronister (excused)
Representative Helgerson (excused)

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Richard B. Hayter, Director, Engineering Extension, Kansas State University
Dr. Phil Bradford, Director, Kansas Advanced Technology Commission

Representative Jerry Friedeman opened the meeting.

Representative Freeman moved that the minutes of the February 12 and 13, 1986, meetings of the committee be approved. Representative Roper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The hearing for HB 3019 having to do with the Kansas Technology Transfer Institute at Kansas State University was opened.

Richard Hayter said he had an opportunity to review the bill as it was read over the phone and they were comfortable with it and he would be open to any questions.

Representative Freeman asked what the reasoning was behind making this at KSU. Mr. Hayter said it evolves from the Industrial Extension Service that was established in the 60's. It was felt that this was in keeping with that land grant extension tradition.

Representative Friedeman asked if schools called A & M and A & I were not for the most part, land grant schools and was told they were. He asked if Mr. Hayter had seen the Redwood Report. Mr. Hayter said he had just got a copy of it but in it were references to the industrial university liaison. Representative Friedeman said one of the major recommendations was to find some way to extend our raw commodities to a finished product and asked if Mr. Hayter thought the resources of the universities under this umbrella of Technology Transfer Institute could extend a lot of help in this area. Mr. Hayter said that was what he was thinking.

Representative Sallee said he could see how this would help in agriculture but asked how it would help in other areas. Mr. Hayter said that right now that was more conceptual than specific.

Representative Friedeman asked for a definition of technology in today's age. Mr. Hayter said that in his mind, what they intend in this bill is to have technology mean essentially the same as engineering. Representative Friedeman stated that Mr. Hayter said he thought the legislature should review this and asked if something should be written into the bill about this. Mr. Hayter said that would be appropriate but what he was implying was at least review this next year when they have the full plan prepared and review it the second year after they have had an opportunity to see if it is working.

Chairman Aylward closed the hearing on HB 3019 and opened the hearing on HB 2748. She stated that Stan Koplik would be unable to attend the hearing but left testimony to be distributed to the Committee. (Attachment 1)

Dr. Phil Bradford said the Advanced Technology Commission has voted among its members to support this bill with the amendment. He said the Secretary of Economic Development is their pipeline to the economic development interests of the state at large. The executive officers of the ATC share the resources of the Department of Economic Development and this is a valuable resource. With regard to the addition of the executive Officer of the Board of Regents, virtually all of the programs which have any funding

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 522-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~XXX~~/p.m. on February 27, 1986

involves the Board of Regents system. In order for them to make sure that they don't cross lines with Regents' policy that relate to the universities, they have found it necessary to have representatives from the Board of Regents at all their meetings.

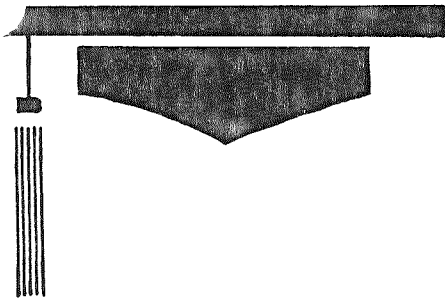
Chairman Aylward asked if he had any concern that they are getting the Commission too large. He said that in a study it was brought out that 15 was the ideal size for a committee, 20 would be a little unwieldy and less than 13 is too small.

Representative Friedeman moved that they change on line 058 "statute book" to "Kansas Register." Representative Roper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Friedeman moved that they pass HB 2748 out favorable for passage as amended. Representative Erne seconded the motion. Representative Green asked how many times the Commission meets. Chairman Aylward said they meet approximately 8 times a year. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 1986.



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2748

Stanley Z. Koplik, Executive Director
Kansas Board of Regents
February 27, 1986

I am appearing before you today in order to indicate my support for the suggestion including the Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Regents as among the members of the Kansas Advanced Technology Commission.

As the Advanced Technology Commission has evolved in terms of its work assignment and, as importantly, its future agenda, the relationship between the Commission and the public universities of this state has become abundantly clear. The strategies, goals and objectives of the Commission establish a working partnership with our Regents universities. It seems to me that it is indeed logical for membership on the Commission to include the Executive Director of the Board of Regents because of the systemwide view such person could bring to Commission discussion. While individual institutions are adequately represented through the current membership, the addition of a non-institutional based higher education focus would, in my opinion, offer an unbiased, non-local perspective regarding higher education's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for effective and efficient service to the state.

(Attachment 1)

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