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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Economic Development

The meeting was called to order by Senator Dave Kerr at
Chairperson

8:00 a.m./p.~~hr.~~^{XX} on March 20, 1991 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Paul Feleciano
Senator Lana Oleen
Senator Wint Winter

Committee staff present:

Bill Edds, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
LaVonne Mumert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Barbara Paschke, Associate Director of Academic Affairs, Board of Regents

Senator Dave Kerr, Chairman, called the meeting to order and introduced Barbara Paschke.

Barbara Paschke described the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) telecommunications pilot project. She explained that her duties involve academic extension programs and that more and more of the off-campus programs are utilizing telecommunications. In February, the consortium of telecommunications companies sponsored by KTEC presented a proposal to the KTEC board for a compressed video project to explore the use of interactive video as a tool for economic development. Since the existing telecommunications system in the state can be utilized, Ms. Paschke said this provides a cost effective way to explore interactive video. Several proposals were reviewed and site selection criteria, project criteria and evaluation criteria were established. Ms. Paschke described the site selection criteria: whether there is an application at the site, whether compressed video is the right medium, whether the site connects to a state network, sites that have relevance to each other, sufficient space and staff, available funds if additional equipment is needed. Ms. Paschke explained project criteria: whether the site has some visibility, whether the project can be evaluated, what equipment would be used, is there something to be learned by the project, does the project contribute to economic development, etc. She listed the five sites which have been selected: University of Kansas Medical Center, Western Area Health Education Center at Hays, Advanced Manufacturing Institute at K-State, Kansas College of Technology at Salina and the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center in Greenbush. Ms. Paschke said they are now working on developing the equipment specifications. The only purchase involved is for the end equipment. She said that compressed video doesn't need fiber and can transmit over telephone wire. She went on to say that as usage increases, more capacity will be required and at some point, fiber will be needed. In response to a question from Chairman Kerr, Ms. Paschke said she would estimate the cost to be about \$30,000 per site.

Senator Brady moved that the minutes of the March 7, 1991 meeting be approved. Senator Moran seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be Thursday, March 22, 1991.

