

Approved April 10, 1992
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The meeting was called to order by Representative Diane Gjerstad at
Chairperson

1:05 ~~am~~/p.m. on Monday, March 9, 1992 in room 526-S of the Capitol

All members were present except:

Representatives Chronister, Love, Mead, Sader and Wagon. Excused.

Committee staff present:

Lynne Holt, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Legislative Revisor
Betty Manning, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None appeared.

Chairperson Gjerstad opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

The Chair asked Lynne Holt to read the draft of House Resolution No. **ERO 23**, a format similar to the Senate resolution. Attachment 1.

Representative Weimer made a motion to adopt the draft resolution. Seconded by Representative Bishop. Motion carried.

Representative Dean made a motion to strike all words after "housing issues" in paragraph three. Seconded by Representative Dean. Motion carried.

Representative Dean made a motion to strike entire paragraph dealing with the qualifications of the Undersecretary of Housing. Seconded by Representative Wempe. Motion failed.

Representative Wempe made a motion to delete "nationwide" in next to last paragraph and inserting the word "comprehensive". Seconded by Representative Wisdom. Motion carried.

Chairperson Gjerstad made motion to amend fifth paragraph to read "That the qualifications of the Undersecretary of Housing should be outlined in statute and that legislation should be enacted to realize that intent." Seconded by Representative Bishop. Motion carried.

Representative Baker made motion to strike entire fourth paragraph relating to creative financing program and replace it with lines 26, 27 and 28 of the Senate resolution. Seconded by Representative Sluiter. Motion carried.

Representative Baker made a motion to table **ERO 23**, seconded by Representative Wisdom. After discussion on procedures to take action on an ERO, Representative Baker withdrew her motion. Representative Wisdom concurred.

Representative Bishop made motion to move draft resolution of **ERO 23** out of committee favorably as amended. Seconded by Representative Dean. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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House Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION approving Executive Reorganization Order No. 23, relating to the establishment of the Department of Commerce and Housing.

Be it resolved by the House of the State of Kansas: That Executive Reorganization Order 23 is hereby approved.

Be it further resolved: That the House agrees with the Governor that Kansas should give increased priority and effort to housing issues than it has in the past, and particularly that the fragmentation in the delivery of housing-related services and assistance should be eliminated to the greatest extent possible.

Be it further resolved: That the House, like the Senate, recognizes the importance of a comprehensive and detailed statewide needs assessment of housing needs; that such a needs assessment should become instrumental in developing strategies for state and local actions to improve the infrastructure of and provide assistance to individuals and families with clearly identified housing needs; and that such a needs assessment should be used to assist in the formulation of local housing policies to ensure that housing developments are well integrated into, but do not adversely affect, the economic vitality of communities.

Be it further resolved: That creative financing, particularly financing involving leveraging and the innovative use of bond issues and bond proceeds, should be considered a key ingredient in formulating and making available housing services; that the Department of Commerce and Housing should consider many of the innovative financing programs in other states as possible models for emulation; and that the House should urge the Senate to enact legislation to allow the state to serve as an instrumentality for creative financing efforts.

Be it further resolved: That the qualifications of the Undersecretary of Housing should be outlined in statute; that the Undersecretary's position, as a cabinet-level position, should be subject to confirmation by the Senate in a manner consistent with that of all other cabinet-level positions; and that legislation should be enacted to realize that intent.

Be it further resolved: That the skills, experience, and qualifications required of positions assigned to the Division of Housing will necessitate the establishment of appropriate standards for such positions; and that the Secretary of Commerce should conduct nationwide searches to ensure that the most qualified persons are hired for those positions.

(Chairperson's option) Be it further resolved: That the House should recognize that statutory provisions concerning the

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Housing Concerns Advisory Committee are due to expire on March 31, 1992; that the Governor's Commission on Housing and Homelessness, while laudable, is not established by statute and therefore could be disbanded by future administrations; and that, consequently, the Legislature should consider enacting legislation to establish such a commission and include in such legislation requirements for the active participation of members from the private sector, local governmental units, and community housing organizations.