

Approved January 22, 1992  
Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Economic Development

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

8:00 a.m./<sup>XX</sup>p.m. on January 16, 1992 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Alicia Salisbury (excused)

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department

Senator Dave Kerr, Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Lynne Holt reviewed the Report of the Joint Committee on Economic Development to the 1992 Legislature (on file in the Research Department). She summarized the committee's activity, conclusions and recommendations on several issues.

Ms. Holt noted that the committee's recommendation with regard to state funding to meet federal matching requirements for adult basic education is included in the Governor's budget for 1993. The committee's recommendation for a pilot program within the State Library for grants to volunteer adult literacy organizations is incorporated in H.B. 2680. Senator Petty requested geographical information identifying the number of individuals involved, and Chairman Kerr asked whether funding for the pilot program is included in the Governor's recommended budget.

Ms. Holt discussed the committee's consideration of business incentives and the recommended legislation, H.B. 2681, with regard to enterprise zones. Study by the committee of video technologies and applications was summarized. It was mentioned that the committee recommended that the Governor's Telecommunications Task Force be expanded, both in mission and membership, and that the committee has requested that the task force provide findings and recommendations to the 1992 Joint Committee on Economic Development. H.B. 2682 contains the committee's recommendations that the Division of Information Systems and Communications be authorized to provide and charge for services to nonstate governmental units.

The Committee also reviewed tourism promotion and recommended legislation to establish the Inter-agency Council on Tourism (SB 483) and to define "convention and tourism promotion" (SB 484) and further recommended funding the Tourism and Tourist Attractions Matching Grant program at \$1 million. Ms. Holt noted that the 1993 budget proposed by the Governor includes \$250,000 for this purpose. The committee also recommended that the Kansas Tourism Commission study issues regarding official tourism signage and present a report to the 1992 Joint Committee.

With regard to Topic V: Structural Barriers to Delivery of Services by Community Colleges, Area Vocational Schools, and Area Vocational-Technical Schools, the committee recommended legislation (SB 485) providing a method to accommodate voluntary consolidations of vocational schools and community colleges.

Ms. Holt summarized the study of the EPSCoR Program. She advised that the committee's recommendation that \$1.5 million be appropriated, pending award of federal funds, is included in the 1993 budget proposed by the Governor for Kansas, Inc.

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room 123-S, Statehouse, at 8:00 ~~a.m.~~ <sup>pm</sup> on January 16, 1992

The committee further recommended legislation (HB 2683) clarifying the ability of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation to form a wholly owned subsidiary and urging cooperation between KTEC, Kansas, Inc. and the Department of Commerce.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00. The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, January 22, 1992.

