

Approved: February 1, 1995
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alicia Salisbury at 8:00 a.m. on January 31, 1995 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senators Salisbury, Burke, Downey, Feleciano, Gooch, Harris, Hensley, Kerr, Petty, Ranson, Reynolds, Steffes and Vidricksen.

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Betty Bomar, Committee Secretary

Others attending: See attached list

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Upon motion of Senator Gooch, seconded by Senator Downey, the Minutes of January 30, 1995 meeting were unanimously adopted.

Confirmation hearing on the appointment of Howard E. Mossberg, KTEC Board of Directors, term expiring April 13, 1998.

Howard E. Mossberg, testified that he became the Dean of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Kansas in 1966. Through his association with the University and Dr. Higuchi, he became involved in the technological transfer of information in the private sector. The appointment to KTEC Board of Directors utilizes his past experience in the bio-technology field. KTEC is looking at long-range concerns with limited resources. Questions were asked of Dr. Mossberg regarding his position at the University and his involvement with Oread Laboratories, Inc. Dr. Mossberg related that it was the Kansas University Endowment Fund that was involved with the various Research Corporations, and not the University of Kansas. If there were questions relating to a company with which he was involved, he would abstain from any conversation, insuring there would not be a conflict of interest. Dr. Mossberg stated he would have no hesitancy working with the current administration.

Confirmation hearing on the reappointment of Thomas R. Zarda, Export Loan Guarantee Review Committee, term expiring September 30, 1998.

Thomas R. Zarda, testified he had served on the Review Committee for four years. In that time the Committee has made approximately 50 to 60 loans. The Committee requires a letter of credit for all loans considered. To date there have been no losses. The Committee has recently employed a new executive director with a directive from it to better publicize the Export Loan Guarantee program to businesses throughout the state. At the present time the majority of the loans have been to one or two companies. It is anticipated that the new direction envisioned will alleviate this concern and the Committee and its expertise will be used to a greater extent. Mr. Zarda further assured the members that he could work with the present administration.

The Committee adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 1995.