

Approved: February 6, 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 February 3, 1995 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

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

Others attending: See attached list

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Betty Bomar, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Upon motion by Senator Gooch, seconded by Senator Kerr, the Minutes of the February 2, 1995 meeting were adopted.

The Chair announced that a letter had been received from the Secretary of Human Resources stating he is in the beginning stages of department-wide reform and restructuring and, therefore, opposes the confirmation of the current nominees to the Public Employees Relations Board. See attachment I In response to this activity, action on confirmation of Steven "Ken" Morse and George E. McCullough is postponed. She is in the process of advising the appointees of this letter.

Confirmation of Dan D. McClenny, reappointment to Employment Security Board of Review, term expires April 28, 1998.

Senator Steffes moved, seconded by Senator Burke, that Dan D. McClenny be recommended favorable for confirmation. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Confirmation of John C. Prather, appointment to Export Loan Guarantee Review Committee, term expires June 30, 1998.

Senator Vidricksen moved, seconded by Senator Kerr, that John C. Prather be recommended favorable for confirmation. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Confirmation of Thomas R. Zarda, reappointment to the Export Loan Guarantee Review Committee, term expires September 30, 1998.

Senator Feleciano moved, seconded by Senator Downey that Thomas R. Zarda be recommended favorable for confirmation. Senator Ranson made a substitute motion, seconded by Senator Harris, that Thomas R. Zarda not be confirmed. The substitute motion was adopted on a voice vote with one dissenting vote. Senator Feleciano requested to be recorded as voting "no".

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 8:00 a.m. on February 3, 1995.

Senator Burke suggested that it may be appropriate for the Committee to review the Export Loan Guarantee Committee to see what it is doing and to determine whether the Export Loan Guarantee Committee is carrying out its function as intended by the Legislature. Senator Kerr supported this suggestions and further indicated that it may be appropriate for Kansas Inc. to review the Committee and its functions.

Confirmation of Larry K. Williams, appointment to Kansas Inc., Board of Directors, term expires June 30, 1997.

Senator Downey moved, seconded by Senator Gooch, that Larry K. Williams be recommended favorable for confirmation. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Confirmation of Dr. Howard E. Mossberg, appointment to KTEC Board of Directors, term expires April 13, 1998.

Senator Kerr moved, seconded by Senator Feleciano, that Howard E. Mossberg, be recommended favorable for confirmation. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

The Committee adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 1995.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: _____

NAME	REPRESENTING
Robert Franke	FFC
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MEMORANDUM

February 2, 1995

TO: Dear Chairman Salisbury and members of the Senate Commerce Committee

FROM: Wayne L. Franklin
Secretary of Human Resources

SUBJECT: Public Employees Relations Board

I appreciate the opportunity to comment about potential appointments to the Public Employees Relations Board. I oppose the confirmation of the current nominees to this board. As the new Secretary of the Kansas Department of Human Resources, I am in the beginning stages of department-wide reform and restructuring. Our intent is that when people say "stack 'em high and tight" they will be thinking about our Department and about the high quality customer service we will provide for the people of Kansas.

In the three weeks I have been on the job, it has become apparent PERB is a unit in my Department that is not functioning up to my standards. We will be making changes there. Right now is the time to take steps to ensure that those changes occur in proper form and in good time.

With a new Governor, a new Department Secretary, a new chief legal counsel, and a new director of PERB, the opportunity for real improvements is evident. In order to further advance the possibility of real reform, I ask today that you reject the current nominees for PERB positions. By rejecting the current nominees, you will give Governor Graves and myself the opportunity to build our own team in Human Resources, and to set the stage for increased efficiency and citizen satisfaction.

I do not know the current nominees and have no comment about their skills or abilities. I make this request solely with the thought that neither our current Governor nor I should be constrained from positive action and reform for four years because of the actions of the previous Governor.

Thank you for your time and your service to the State of Kansas.

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Attachment # 1