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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Pat Ranson at 2:00 p.m. on April 28, 1995 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senators Salisbury, Burke, Downey, Harris, Kerr, Ranson, Reynolds, and Steffes.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Confirmation hearing of John O. Farmer III, Board of Directors, Kansas Inc.; term to expire June 30, 1998.

John O. Farmer III, stated his expertise is in oil and gas, banking and agriculture. He testified as to his concern relating to the lack of jobs and the need to diversify business activities in the State of Kansas and particularly Western Kansas. Mr. Farmer views the components of economic development strategy for the state as follows: 1) a competitive business environment for existing industries; 2) attract new industries to the state; 3) educate and train a highly skilled work force. Mr. Farmer voiced his concerns regarding the loss of jobs in the western part of the State.

Mr. Farmer advised the Committee he viewed his tenure on the Board of Kansas Inc. as an opportunity to address his concerns and to assist in finding solutions and creating an environment in the State for businesses and skilled jobs.

Senator Burke moved, seconded by Senator Reynolds, that John O. Farmer III be recommended favorable for confirmation. The recorded vote, Ayes - 7; Nays - 0, was in favor of the motion.

Upon motion by Senator Kerr, seconded by Senator Reynolds, the Minutes of the April 27, 1995 meeting were adopted.

The Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

No additional meeting of the Committee is scheduled.