

Approved: January 24, 1997
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alicia Salisbury at 8:00 a.m. on January 23, 1997 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senators Salisbury, Barone, Brownlee, Feleciano, Gooch, Harris, Jordan, Ranson, Steffes, Steineger and Umbarger.

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:
Judi Stork, Deputy Bank Commissioner
Barbara Cowdin, Division of Housing, Department of Commerce and Housing

Others attending: See attached list

SB 19 - Kansas economic opportunity initiative funds may be expended for housing needs

The Chair asked if there were additional conferees who wished to be heard on **SB 19**. There were no additional conferees, and the public hearing was concluded.

The Committee discussed housing concerns throughout the state: lack of availability of loans from local financial institutions in rural areas; high housing costs; and other factors relating to housing, both urban and rural.

Judi Stork, Deputy Bank Commissioner stated the loan to deposit ratio in the state is 65%, compared to the national ratio of 69%. 21% of loans are commercial compared to national average of 25%.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the Secretary of Commerce and Housing has the statutory authority to utilize KEOIF funds for housing infrastructure, if criteria for an economic emergency or unique opportunity exists, as provided in K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 74-50,151. The Committee agreed the appropriation for KEOIF is not adequate to make any substantial impact on housing.

Senator Ranson moved, seconded by Senator Barone, that **SB 19** be not passed. The recorded vote was 9 in favor of the motion and 2 opposed. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Senator Ranson, seconded by Senator Steineger, the Minutes of the January 22, 1997, Meeting were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 1997.

