

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alicia Salisbury at 8:00 a.m. on April 2, 1997 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Members present: Senators Salisbury, Barone, Brownlee, Donovan, Gooch, Jordan, Ranson, Steffes, and Umbarger.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Robert I. Guenther, Kansas Development Finance Authority, Wichita
Jeff Wagaman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Administration
Phillip S. Harness, Director, Workers Compensation Division

Others attending: See attached list

Confirmation Hearing on the appointment of:

Robert I. Guenther, Kansas Development Finance Authority, term expires January 15, 1999.

The Committee questioned Mr. Guenther regarding his appointment to the Kansas Development Finance Authority.

The hearing concluded and the appointee was excused.

Confirmation Review on the reappointment of:

Gregory M. Windholz, Public Employee Relations Board, term expires March 15, 2001.

The Committee reviewed the paper work forwarded to the Committee by Mr. Windholz.

Senator Barone moved, seconded by Senator Donovan, that the reappointment of **Gregory M. Windholz** be recommended favorable for confirmation to the Public Employee Relations Board. The recorded vote was in favor of the motion.

Senator Ranson moved, seconded by Senator Brownlee that **Robert I. Guenther**, be recommended favorable for confirmation to the Kansas Development Finance Authority. The recorded vote was in favor of the motion.

SB 387 - Transfer of workplace health and safety to department of human resources

Jeff Wagaman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Administration, testified that **SB 387** transfers the Workplace Health and Safety Program from the Department of Administration to the Department of Human Resources. The transfer utilizes the expertise of the Workers Compensation staff who presently conduct health and safety programs for private industry and to ensure State employees are adequately trained in health and safety matters in the workplace. Mr. Wagaman stated the Department of Administration is presently negotiating with the Department of Human Resources for the transfer which consists of two full-time employees in an amount of approximately \$172,000.

Phillip S. Harness, Director, Workers Compensation Division, testified the transfer of training personnel is acceptable to the Division; and he feels confident that the program can be conducted more efficiently and effectively with the available personnel.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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on April 2, 1997.

Senator Jordan moved, seconded by Senator Ranson, that **SB 387 be recommended favorable and be placed on the Consent Calendar.** The recorded vote was in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

No additional meetings are scheduled.

