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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FRONTIER 2000.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Shallenburger at 2:15 p.m. on February 24, 1998 in Room 531-N of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Jennifer Higerd, Committee Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by the Chairman Tim Shallenburger.

Chairman Shallenburger explained the purpose of this committee which is to establish legislative goals for the state of Kansas for the next 20-50 years. It is his intention to introduce a resolution concerning these goals on the House floor this session. He emphasized that this would be a non-partisan committee and that nine votes would be necessary to pass an issue.

Chairman Shallenburger listed eight issues that he has found to be pertinent to this committee: Health Care & Abortion, Agriculture, Business & Economic Development, Education, Environment, Public Safety (includes crime & punishment), Size & Scope of Government (includes taxes & spending). He then introduced a preamble which would serve as a guideline for the direction of the committee.

Representative Alldritt asked about the eighth issue. Chairman Shallenburger explained that the preamble is the eighth issue. Representative Alldritt then suggested that infrastructure be added to the list of issues. Chairman Shallenburger explained that infrastructure falls under Business & Economic Development and that the number of issues (8) was intentional.

Representative Larkin asked if taxes, a sub-issue of Size & Scope of Government, includes tax policy. Chairman Shallenburger explained that tax policy leads one to start talking politics, not about the issues.

Representative Reardon asked if the purpose of this committee is to give future legislatures a document that they will use and let evolve. Chairman Shallenburger replied that this document could be used to remind legislators of the common ground that this committee has found on these issues.

Chairman Shallenburger listed the subcommittee members and their issue.  
Health Care & Abortion: Representatives Wagle and Ballard  
Agriculture: Representatives Larkin and Jennison  
Business & Economic Development: Representatives Glasscock and Reardon  
Education: Representatives O'Neal and Reardon  
Public Safety: Representatives Mays and Krehbiel  
Size & Scope of Government: Representatives Kline and Sawyer

Chairman Shallenburger explained that members should meet with their partner in the next seven to ten days to come up with a vision statement, similar to the preamble.

Representative Alldritt asked if this committee is making a road map to the future and not necessarily telling future legislators to stop here or stop there to take care of certain issues. Chairman Shallenburger answered yes. He explained that this exercise would help the committee to see what they have in common and to show people that the House of Representatives is able to plan what they think Kansas should look like.

Chairman Shallenburger adjourned the committee at 2:29.

The next meeting is set on the call of the chair.