

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on January 9, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Robert Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Lea Gerard, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Brownlee introduced herself and asked that each committee member give a brief statement on what their interests are in the topic of Commerce and some personal comments regarding their background. The general comments were for economic development in Kansas and that it is an extremely important part for Kansas to be a successful state. Chairman Brownlee then requested that each person in the audience give their name and who they represent.

Chairman Brownlee stated that each member has a list of topics compiled by the Kansas Legislative Research Department that have come before the Senate Commerce Committee. (Attachment 1) In the next few weeks there will be brief overviews regarding some of the topics. On Wednesday, January 10, there will be an overview by Lt. Governor Sherrer on the Department of Commerce and Housing and Thursday, January 11, Rich Bendis will give an overview on the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC).

For the week of January 15, Tuesday, January 16, there will be an overview on Kansas Inc. and a review of the January 2001 Post Audit on Economic Development in Kansas. On Wednesday, January 17 an overview will be given on the Department of Human Resources and Thursday, January 18 there will be review reports of the Governors 21st Century Vision Task Force on Work Force Development and Economic Development. Friday, January 19 there will be a review report of E-911 Task Force.

Chairman Brownlee stated there will be a variety of topics and we will see something different from day to day. Regarding the topic telecommunications there was a lot of effort to study and reduce the Kansas Universal Service Fund KUSF and the committee in partnership with the KCC did make progress. She stated that economic development is an important issue and if there are any ideas, please visit with her. This committee was instrumental for passing incentives to attract the NASCAR racetrack in Wyandotte County and also handled legislation for the OZ project.

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2001.

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To: Senate Commerce Committee
From: April Holman, Research Analyst
Re: Overview of Senate Commerce Committee Issues

In response to a request from the Committee Chair, we have compiled the following list of topics which have come before the Senate Commerce Committee in the past:

- Telecommunications
- Telecommunications consumer protection/fraud
- Economic development legislation dealing with the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing (KDOCH), the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC), and Kansas, Inc.
- Venture and seed capital issues
- Unemployment insurance
- Workers' compensation
- Minimum wage
- Workforce development
- Other employment and disability matters
- Filing of corporations with the Secretary of State
- Tax incentives
- Other business incentives, including export finance
- Enterprise zone issues
- Housing issues
- Some applied research issues

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