

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 25, 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: Lt. Governor Sherrer
 Richard Bendis, KTEC
 Charles Ranson, Kansas, Inc.

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairperson Karin Brownlee welcomed Lt. Governor Sherrer, Rich Bendis, KTEC; and Charles Ranson, Kansas Inc. to discuss the Post Audit and the Governor's 21st Century Vision Task Force on Economic Development for the State of Kansas.

The panel discussed the three agencies and the continuation of reviewing the economic development programs on an ongoing basis. There are advantages of going through independent bodies to have a fresh perspective on what programs are necessary and the economic direction for the State of Kansas. The agencies address key areas such as agriculture, economic development and workforce development.

In summary structure and effectiveness is extremely important. The operation and coordination of programs need to be efficient with constant evaluation to make sure the agencies are innovative and headed in the right direction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2001 at 8:00 a.m.

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SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2001

NAME	REPRESENTING
Stacy Farmer	KASB
Eric Farrell	BOEING
RICK BENDIS	KTEC
Terry Leatherman	KCCI
Roger Trauzke	KGE
Charles Conson	KS Inc.
Beth Brough	KTEC