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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on January 11, 2005 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Deena Horst- excused
Ed O'Malley- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research
Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Helen Pedigo, Revisor of Statutes
Carlene Maag, Committee Secretary

Conferees:

None

Chairperson Lana Gordon introduced herself and the staff to the rest of the Committee Members. She then asked the members to introduce themselves.

Committee rules, Rules for Conferees appearing before the committee, and Notice to Conferees were distributed. (Attachments 1, 2, and 3)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2005.

COMMITTEE RULES

1. In any case where committee rules do not apply, House Rules shall govern. All powers, duties and responsibilities not addressed herein are reserved to the Chair.
2. Cellular phones are prohibited in the Economic Development room, unless audible tones or ringers are disabled.
3. The Chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business.
4. The Chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature and may limit testimony, when necessary, to a specific number of minutes.
5. Committee members shall not address conferees until and unless the Chair grants permission.
6. The Chair reserves the right to limit questioning of conferees by committee members in the interest of time and in the interest of fairness to conferees and other committee members.
7. Committee members shall not be approached during committee hearings or deliberations by anyone other than fellow legislative members or legislative staff.
8. No conferee shall be interrupted during presentations of their testimony, except with the permission of the Chair.
9. Questioning of a conferee shall be limited to the subject matter of the agenda item for the day, except as may otherwise be allowed by the Chair.
10. No bill or resolution shall be taken up for a committee vote unless announced by the Chair.
11. Amendments to motions are not in order.
12. A substitute motion is in order, but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed of.
13. A motion requires a second to be in order. A motion may be withdrawn only upon consent of the member making the motion and his or her second.
14. A motion to table or take from the table shall be in order only when such item is on the agenda or is taken up by the Chair. The motion requires a simple majority and is, unless otherwise determined by the Chair, non-debatable.
15. There shall be no recording, audibly, photographically or otherwise, of committee voting except by the committee secretary.
16. A request from any member that his or her own vote be recorded shall be granted.
17. Granting excused absences is reserved to the Chair.
18. The Chair reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
19. Adjournment is reserved to the Chair.

RULES FOR CONFEREES APPEARING BEFORE
HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. The chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business.
2. Individuals wishing to appear and provide verbal testimony before the committee **must** notify the committee secretary **24 hours** in advance of the hearing.
3. Testimony **must** be in written form and 30 copies made available to staff prior to testifying.
4. Conferees shall **not** read their testimony. Rather, testimony should be presented in summary fashion. Conferees shall introduce themselves, identify on whose behalf they appear, identify whether they appear as an opponent, proponent or interested neutral party and shall, as briefly as possible, state the reasons for their position. If suggestions for amendment(s) are to be offered, a proposed draft of the amendment(s) should be included in the written testimony.
5. Where the conferee is, or represents, the sponsor of the measure under consideration, the conferee is responsible for briefing the committee on the specific provisions of the legislation, section by section, where necessary.
6. Conferees shall address their remarks during testimony to committee members and staff only.
7. Where the number of hearings and/or conferees scheduled warrant time limitations, the Chairman may limit testimony to a specific number of minutes. The Chairman reserves the right to limit, testimony that is cumulative in nature.
8. Testimony shall relate to the subject matter of the measure under consideration. Conferees testifying on unrelated subjects will be admonished and if unrelated testimony persists, the Chairman may terminate that conferee's testimony.
9. While the taking of testimony in committee is not preceded with the formality of an oath, by appearing before the committee every conferee hereby certifies that his or her testimony is truthful, based upon facts that are capable of verification and offered in good faith. Conferees shall bring to the committee's attention any qualifications or corrections in their testimony.
10. The Chairman reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary when a violation of the previous rule is suspected.
11. The chairman reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to prevent disruptive behavior in the committee room during hearings and deliberations.
12. Cellular phones are prohibited in the Economic Development Committee room, unless audible tones or ringers are disabled.

NOTICE TO CONFEREES

It is the policy of the House Economic Development Committee to ensure and promote free and open discussion of matters coming before the Committee. Because of the important issues that are to be discussed certain rules are necessary. Just as there are rules relating to the conduct of committee business when matters are debated among committee members, the following rules apply to the hearing process itself. Any questions about these rules should be directed to the committee chairman.

By appearing before the Committee each conferee is presumed to have read the attached rules and to have agreed to be bound by said rules.

We thank you for your understanding of and compliance with these rules.