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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Brunk at 9:05 a.m. on February 4, 2010, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Jill Quigley- excused  
Representative Scott Schwab- absent

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jerry Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

Representative Grange announced that he had called a meeting on **H Sub for H 2238 Amending the fairness in private construction contract act and the fairness in public construction contract regarding retainage**, for 2/05/10 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 784 to try to come to some resolution on the bill.

The Chairman called on Megan Bottenberg, KDOL, Liaison for Government Affairs to answer some questions about Unemployment Insurance. The Chairman asked what would happen if we adjusted the Base Rate above \$8,000.00 and adjusted the rate to raise the same amount of money. For example if we raise the taxable wage base to \$16,000.00 and then cut the rate in half so that we would bring the same amount of money into the system but spread it out over the year. Megan said that she would have to go back and see if we could do that.

A second question was what would happen if we decide to raise a lesser amount. Megan said that if the tax payments go beyond July 31<sup>st</sup> it could affect their experience rating and the FUTA tax credit that they receive from the Feds

Representative Grant said that he had asked about splitting up the payment due in April so that it could be paid in May, June and July.

Representative Suellentrop asked Megan to describe the terms and conditions of the repayment requirement should the Secretary borrow funds. Megan said she would have to get that information.

Representative Kerschen asked how many part time employees are paying into the fund.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2560**.

**HB 2560 Real estate salespersons and brokers, amendments related to technical changes and restricted and conditioned licenses.**

The Chairman said that there was one change in the bill that was a definition of a person. We don't have that definition yet but I would like to work the rest of the bill this morning. Then next week we can just insert the definition and pass this bill out.

The Chairman called the committee's attention to page 2, line 34, it starts off with the definition of a person. That definition is used a number of times throughout this bill.

Representative Pottorff made a motion that on page 9, line 27 the words "or suspension" be added. Representative Gatewood seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Representative Brunk commented that he had a problem with them sweeping the fees and then raising the fees to cover the sweep.

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Representative Pottorff said they sometimes put in a cap but that does not mean they are going up to the cap. They raise the cap so that they don't have to come back later for an increase.

The Chairman said that we would work this bill next Tuesday.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:26 a.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
TED HENKEL	CAPITOL STRATEGICS.
Megan Bottenberg	KDOL
(Duy Pham)	Rep. Ruiz's intern
Bruce Tunnell	AFL-CIO
Kent Cornist	KAB
Natalie Bright	KS SHERM
Ruthelle Alonzo	KS Chamber
Andy Sanchez	KS AFL-CIO