

SESSION OF 2003

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2106**

As Agreed to March 28, 2003

Brief *

HB 2106 pertains to the Council on Travel and Tourism. The bill updates the references to certain members of the Council, which includes representatives of the lodging industry, the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Industry, the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, and the Kansas Sport Hunting Association. The bill would also change the name of the standing Committee on Transportation and Tourism to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill would take effect from and after its publication in the statute book.

Background

Ron Hein, legislative counsel for the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, appeared in support of the bill. He testified that the bill updates and corrects names of organizations which make nominations for membership on the Tourism Council, an advisory council to the Secretary of Commerce. He further explained that the Kansas Lodging Association no longer exists and has merged with the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association and that this group would make nominations for both the lodging industry and the restaurant industry. Finally, it was noted that the Kansas Oil Marketers Association is now named the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas.

There were no other conferees who presented testimony to the House Tourism and Parks Committee.

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The House Tourism and Parks Committee amendment would add a representative on the Council from the Kansas Sport Hunting Association.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amendment was technical.

In conference, Senate conferees agreed to the House version pertaining to the designation of the Secretary of Commerce and Housing.

The Division of Budget indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect.