

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on March 22, 2005 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Tom Burroughs- excused
Carl Krehbiel- excused
Annie Kuether- excused
Judy Loganbill- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Matt Jordan, Department of Commerce

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Gordon thanked the Committee for their help and orderly discussion in passing the STAR Bond legislation.

A motion was made by Representative Hill and Seconded by Representative Grange to approve the minutes of the March 15th meeting. The minutes were approved.

Chairperson Gordon asked the Committee for suggestions of items that might be of interest to them and speakers they might want to hear next session. She also asked for recommendations for interim.

There were several good suggestions brought up by the Committee

- Alternate energy such as Ethanol
- Revitalization of communities and neighborhoods that are not considered blighted or in complete disrepair
- Assessment of all three Economic Development Agencies
Kansas Inc. , KTEC, and Department of Commerce
- Revisiting possibility of film industry
- Revisiting TIF language
- Possible economic development issues pertaining to Cultural Heritage Trail
- Tax credit to bring businesses statewide to Kansas
- Help for service industries
- Expansion at Ft. Riley

HB 2443 - Kansas film production investment tax credit act

HB 2444 - Kansas film production tax credit act

Chairperson Gordon shared with the Committee information concerning the film bills. **HB 2443** and **HB 2444**. She and Representatives Huntington and Winn had worked with the members of the Film Commission trying to get film legislation to pass through the Senate. A substitute bill for **HB 2443** had been prepared with the assistance of the Secretary of Revenue. Department of Commerce was also in agreement with the substitute bill. However, no action was taken. Film legislation is something that will probably be looked at during interim and brought back before the Committee next session. It was learned that on the national level, there are some form of incentives or grants that are being offered to the large film makers. There may be guidelines in place, and if so, these guidelines could be included in Kansas legislation.

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Matt Jordan, Department of Commerce told the Committee the Kansas Film Commission hosted the first ever Film Summit in Lawrence, KS on Saturday, March 19, 2005. There were approximately 150 participants from all over the state. The meeting was basically to talk about what can be done to grow the film industry from a film makers perspective and the people who are involved in the industry. Mr. Jordan is working through a list of action items that came about from the Film Summit to share with leadership of House Economic Development Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee for consideration during interim.

Chairperson Gordon thanked the Committee for their good ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.