

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE TOURISM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carol E. Beggs at 3:37 p.m. on March 12, 2001 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Jerry Aday - Excused
 Representative Broderick Henderson - Excused
 Representative Bill Levinson - Excused
 Representative Laura McClure - Excused
 Representative Vern Osborne - Excused
 Representative Jeff Peterson - Excused

Committee staff present: Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
 Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Annie Kuether

Others attending: See attached list

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HB2515 - *Cities and counties; convention and tourism committees.*

Representative Annie Kuether appeared before the committee as a proponent on **HB 2515**. This bill concerns cities and counties; relating to convention and tourism committees. It would amend K.S.A. 12-1695 from shall to may establish a convention and tourism committee to make recommendations concerning the programs and expenditures for promotion of conventions and tourism. It also allows that if the governing body decides to appoint a committee it shall appointment 10 members.

Representative Kuether states that this will allow the cities and counties to have a better option as to whether or not to establish such a committee. (Attachment)

There is no fiscal effect on this bill.

Chairman Beggs closed the hearing on **HB 2515** and asked for a motion.

Representative Ballou made a motion that we pass the bill out of committee favorably and place it on the consent calender. Representative Ethel Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The minutes of February 19, 2001 were distributed. Representative Margaret Long made a motion that they be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion passed.

Chairman Beggs announced that this would probably be the last Tourism Committee Meeting this session. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.