

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:15 A.M. on March 25, 2008 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Nick Jordan- excused

Committee staff present:
Jennifer Thierer, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes
Jackie Lunn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Matt Fletcher, Tax Use Law
Stan Ahlerich, Kansas, Inc.

Others attending:
See attached list.

To read testimony submitted by conferees go to
<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/government/KansasSenateCommerceCommittee>.

HB 2315--Home inspectors competency and financial responsibility

Chairperson Brownlee called the Committee's attention on **HB 2315** and called on Jason Long, Revisors Office, to review the balloon for the committee. While Mr. Long was making his way to the podium, Chairperson Brownlee called the Committee's attention to a letter from Christie P. Bradau, State Librarian, regarding Kan-ed (Attachment 1) which can be found in its entirety on the link show above.

Mr. Long presented written copy of the balloon (Attachment 2) which can be found in its entirety on the link shown above.

Upon the completion of Mr. Long's review of the balloon there was a discussion and it was noted the effective date would be July of 2007 and the start date for registration will be July of 2009. that the Board of Technical Professions had responded and stated they did not want the home inspectors under their board and that the home inspectors did not want to be under the Board of Technical Professions. Chairperson Brownlee stated they are trying to create a place where the registration for home inspectors can occur without creating a new board. Some of the Committee feels that putting the inspectors under the Board of Technical Professions is not a good idea.

Senator Emler made a motion to adopt the balloon. Senator Wagle seconded.

The discussion continued regarding the fiscal note and the fact that the original fiscal note was to set up a new board and that would cost \$351,000 and they need to find an existing place to put the home inspectors. Putting the home inspectors under the Board of Technical Professions was discussed in great length and it was decided since neither the home inspectors nor the Board of Technical Professions were in favor of putting the home inspectors with this board, the Committee would put them with the Secretary of State. It was noted that the Secretary of State does a lot of registry work. It was also noted that the goal of the Committee is to place the home inspectors in an existing board or agency to register with and not create a new board as the original bill indicated.

Senator Barone made a substitute motion to place the registry of home inspectors with the Secretary of State's Office. Senator Reitz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Brownlee stated Mr. Long would need to do a new balloon and they would move **HB 2315** out in the meeting tomorrow.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Commerce Committee at 8:30 A.M. on March 25, 2008 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Chairperson Brownlee introduced Matt Fletcher to give the annual report on the Tax Use Law. Mr. Fletcher presented written copy ([Attachment 3](#)) which can be found in its entirety on the link shown above.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Fletcher's annual report, there was a short discussion.

Chairperson Brownlee then introduced Stan Ahlerich, Kansas, Inc. Mr. Ahlerich stated that Kansas, Inc. contracted with Justin Marlowe, University of Kansas, to do the evaluation of the Department of Commerce and introduced Mr. Marlowe to review the report to the Committee. Mr. Marlowe presented written copy ([Attachment 4](#)) which can be found in its entirety on the link shown on Page 1 of these minutes. A copy of the *Evaluation of the Kansas Department of Commerce* can be found on file with Kansas, Inc. and in the office of the Senate Commerce Committee Assistant.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Marlo's review, a question and answer session followed.

Upon the conclusion of the questions and answer session, Mr. Ahlerich introduced Richard Caplan representing Richard Caplan & Associates, the company that did the evaluation of the Kansas Center of Entrepreneurship. The original Evaluation on the Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship can be found on file at the offices of Kansas, Inc. and the office of the Senate Commerce Committee Assistant. Mr. Caplan presented written copy ([Attachment 5](#)) of his review which can be found in its entirety on the link shown on Page 1 of these minutes.

Do to the time restraint, there was no time for questions of Mr. Caplan. Chairperson Brownlee adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for March 26, 2008 at 8:15 a.m. in room 123 S.