

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 3:30 p.m. on January 28, 2003 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Fulva Seufert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Lt. Governor John Moore
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Kenny Wilk. The Chairman called the committee members' attention to the distributed minutes of the January 21, 2003 meeting. Representative Novascone made a motion to approve the January 21, 2003 minutes and Representative Hill seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilk introduced a bill concerning multi state bonding authority for KDFA. Representative O'Malley seconded. Motion carried.

The Chairman welcomed Lt. Governor John Moore to the committee and asked the members to identify themselves.

Lt. Governor John Moore addressed the committee in his dual role as Lt. Governor and Secretary of Commerce & Housing. He stressed the importance of growing the Kansas economy and creating an environment where businesses can succeed. He believes businesses can succeed if they can do business easily and successfully. He said the Kansas economy can grow if current companies and jobs are retained and if cities and counties become more aggressive and do not take for granted the local businesses. He said, "Treat home-grown businesses like strangers." He specifically stressed that rural Kansas cannot be forgotten. He also said that the Commerce & Housing office will followup by informing towns, cities and counties what they did wrong and why their location was not chosen by a sought after company. Lt. Governor Moore stated that the mission and impact of every state agency in the area of economic development must be examined to assure a common vision with dedicated collaboration. He believes that all money spent in economic development has to be measured by the rate of return for the dollars spent. In addition, he touched on the following:

- Existing entities must become part of a focused network
- Must try to assist Boeing
- Must judiciously avoid a bias against sales tax exemption income tax credits

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- Must increase the Travel & Tourism budget
- Must give Commissions and Commerce a chance
- Adopt a legislative resolution which encourages normalization of relation with Cuba
- Must have a return on investment desired outcomes for all economic development initiatives
- Must establish a cooperative relationship with the House Economic Development Committee as well as other Committees
- Must emerge from this budget dominated 2003 Legislative Session with a successful environment for existing businesses and for attracting new businesses. (Attachment 1).

The Lt. Governor's presentation was followed by questions from committee members. The Chairman thanked Lt. Gov. Moore for taking time out of his busy schedule to address the Committee.

The Chair introduced Debra Hollon, Fiscal Analyst from the Legislative Research Department, who presented an overview of the Economic Development Initiatives Fund. This included the budgets for Kansas, Inc., Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, and Department of Commerce & Housing. (Attachment 2).

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be Thursday, January 30, 2003. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.