

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on January 24, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sen. Nick Jordan  
Dick Carter, Jr., Exec. Dir., Travel Industry Association of Kansas  
Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner  
Tom Thornton, Pres. & CEO, Kansas Bioscience Authority

Others attending:

See attached list.

Senator Jordan spoke to the Committee briefly regarding Kansas Tourism Initiative (KTI).

Questions and answers followed.

Dick Carter offered a power point presentation on KTI. (Attachment 1).

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Kathie Sparks presented a summary on the 2004 Kansas Bioscience Authority Act. (Attachment 2).

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Commissioner Praeger appeared before the Committee to request a bill regarding a technical amendment to the employee tax credit. (Attachment 3).

A motion was made by Representative Olson and seconded by Representative Swanson to place this bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Tom Thornton then provided the Committee with an update on the Kansas Bioscience Authority. (Attachment 4).

Mr. Thornton also offered information regarding the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), and an overview on sites in Kansas that are under consideration for the construction of a research laboratory. (Attachment 5).

He told the Committee that he was working on an annual report at this time and at the Chair's request, agreed to return at a later date to provide the Committee with any strategic plans that KBA might have.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Economic Development and Tourism Committee at 3:30 P.M. on January 24, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.