

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:30 A.M. on March 12, 2008 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Ruth Teichman- excused

Committee staff present:  
Jennifer Thierer, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes  
Jackie Lunn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Representative Grange  
Greg Debacker, Debackers

Others attending:  
See attached list.

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

**HB 2847--Cities and municipalities, examinations for plumbers, electricians and heating,ventilation and air conditioning contractors and journeymen**

**HB 2315--HB 2315--Home inspectors competency and financial responsibility**

**HB 2771--Concerning age discrimination**

Chairperson Brownlee called the Committee's attention to a memo from Jennifer Thierer, Legislative Research, regarding minimum wages in Kansas, (Attachment 1) which can be found in its entirety on the link listed above.

Chairperson Brownlee called the Committee's attention to the minutes submitted to the Committee for their approval asking them to take a look at them and stating they would come back to them at the end of the meeting.

Next, Chairperson Brownlee called on Jason Long, Revisors Office, to explain **HB 2847**. Mr. Long stated the bill, as amended, would amend the law regarding licensing examinations for plumbing contractors, electrical contractors, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contractors, to provide for the use of standard examinations from the international Code Council (LCC), the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) or Prometic, a subsidiary of Educational Testing Services.

Chairperson Brownlee opened the hearing on **HB 2847** and introduced Representative John Grange to give his testimony as a proponent of the bill. Representative Grange presented written testimony (Attachment 2) which can be found in its entirety on the link listed above.

Upon the conclusion of Representative Grange's testimony there was a short question and answer session.

Chairperson Brownlee introduced Eric Stafford, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc., to give his testimony as a proponent of the bill. Mr. Stafford presented written testimony (Attachment 3) which can be found in its entirety on the link listed above.

Chairperson Brownlee introduced Greg Debacker, Debakers, to give his testimony as an opponent of **HB 2847**. Mr. Debaker presented written testimony (Attachment 4) which can be found in its entirety on the link shown above.

Chairperson Brownlee called the Committee's attention to the "written only" testimony (Attachment 5) of

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Don Lindsey, United Transportation Union, a neutral party of **HB 2847** which can be found in its entirety on the link listed above.

Chairperson Brownlee ask if there was anyone else that would like to testify on **HB 2847**; being none, she closed the hearing and opened the floor for discussion with the Committee. The Committee discussed the bill with Senator Emler wanting to insert a definite effective date and explaining why it is needed.

**Senator Emler made the motion to insert in sections 1,2 and 3, in the appropriate places, to be determined by the Revisor, "in effect 7-1-08". Senator Jordan seconded. Motion carried.**

**Senator Barone made a motion to pass the bill out favorably as amended. Senator Wagle seconded. Motion carried.**

Chairperson Brownlee stated the continued hearing for the inspectors bill, **HB 2315**, would be tomorrow along with a hearing on the age discrimination bill, **HB 2771**. There was a short discussion on **HB 2315** and concerns were voiced within the Committee on the accuracy of the testimony which has already been given in the hearing.

**Senator Schodorf made a motion to approve the minutes for January 29, 2009, January 31, 2008, February 5, 2008, February 6, 2008 and February 7, 2008. Senator Emler seconded. Motion carried.**

Chairperson Brownlee adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. in room 123 S.