

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on March 19, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Sherman Parks, Revisor of Statutes
April Holman, Legislative Research
Lea Gerard, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

SB 611—Concerning the redevelopment of the sunflower army ammunition plant in Johnson County.

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes briefed the committee on the balloon amendments for **SB 611** (Attachment 1). Norman stated there were a number of changes in the bill due to some new information the Chairperson received from various officials of the United States government and other sources. There were recommendations and changes made to the language regarding covenant of transfer. The Federal Early Transfer Regulation does not allow a covenant of transfer until the clean-up is completed. If remediation is still in process, the United States can transfer the property and provide the covenant at a later date, but cannot provide the covenant prior to having the remediation done.

Chairperson Brownlee stated that Senator Steineger had an amendment which will be introduced as a separate bill. She explained that both bills have very significant issues. In answer to the question on the need for the bill now and how imminent is the transfer of the land, Chairperson Brownlee stated she had a conversation with Blaine Hastings, GSA, and he hoped to have the one lawsuit with TOTO resolved this fall and transfer of the property should begin by the end of this year.

During committee discussion regarding clean-up liability and the number of years pledged for TIF and STAR Bonds, Senator Jordan requested information from the KDFA on the impact of using 5-year bonds versus the 20-year bonds.

Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to approve all the amendments on Page 1 of SB 611. Motion carried.

Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to approve all the amendments on Page 2 of SB 611. Motion carried.

Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Jordan, that SB 611 be amended on Page 6, Line 34, to insert after the word “thereto” “or by Johnson or Labette county in accordance with the provisions of this act”. Motion carried.

Senator Jordan moved, seconded by Senator Steineger, that SB 611 be amended on Page 9, Line 37 and 38 to strike the words after “county”, “in which the redevelopment district is located” and insert after the words “Johnson county” “the county in which the redevelopment district is located”. Motion carried.

Senator Jordan moved, seconded by Senator Emler to approve all the amendments on Page 10 of SB 611 and to strike the word “army” everytime referenced; the second balloon, third line to strike the words “the state or” and should read “to any subdivision of the state”. Motion carried.

Senator Jordan moved, seconded by Senator Steineger to approve all the amendments on Page 11 of SB 611. Motion carried.

Senator Steineger moved, seconded by Senator Jordan to approve all the amendments on Page 14 and 16 of SB 611. Motion carried.

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Senator Jordan moved, seconded by Senator Steineger to make this a Senate Substitute bill for **SB 611**. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 8:30 a.m.

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