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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 1:30 p.m. on March 4, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Clay Aurand- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Art Hall, Center for Applied Economics, KU School of Business
Gary Sherrer, Kansas citizen

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan welcomed Dr. Art Hall and introduced him to the committee.

Art Hall, PhD, Executive Director, Center for Applied Economics, KU School of Business, provided charts and maps to facilitate discussion and depict the economic geography of the United States and Kansas. He commented that Kansas' local government does not appear to be efficient and Vision 2020 might want to explore this issue. He supports a dynamic business model, one that creates conditions for business formation and productivity: expense capital equipment, eliminate the capital gains tax, build infrastructure, promote workforce training and development, and more ([Attachment 1](#)).

Questions, answers, and many discussions occurred during and after Dr. Hall's presentation. Questions were asked by Chairman Sloan and Representatives Doug Gatewood, Pat George, Raj Goyle, Tom Hawk, Don Hineman, and Lee Tafanelli.

Chairman Sloan greeted and introduced Gary Sherrer who had just finished testifying before the House Education Committee.

Gary Sherrer, consultant, member of the Kansas Board of Regents, a former Lt. Governor of Kansas, and a former Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Housing, announced that he was appearing before Vision 2020 representing only himself. Mr. Sherrer noted that Kansas' economic development model was designed twenty years ago and needs to be reviewed and updated. He suggested the possibility of forming a commission to study and recommend to the Legislature the best structure to use to create jobs and support the economy. Incentives, he says, are another concern; we rely too much on tax credits. He recommended implementing a "Quality Job" incentive ([Attachment 2](#)).

Chairman Sloan invited questions from the Committee members. Questions were asked by Chairman Sloan and Representatives Pat George, Mario Goico and Tom Hawk. The appropriate conferee responded. Discussions ensued.

Chairman Sloan thanked the conferees for their presentations.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.