

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 1:30 p.m. on March 9, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Clay Aurand- excused  
Representative Mario Goico- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Scott Wells, 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:

Mike Hayden, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks  
Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office  
Stan Ahlerich, Kansas, Inc.

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan welcomed and introduced Secretary Hayden and Director Streeter to the committee.

Hearing on:

**HCR 5012 - A review of the Pick-Sloan Act.**

Mike Hayden, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and a former Governor, testified in support of **HCR 5012**. He discussed the reasons behind the resolution and noted that this is an excellent time to send it to Congress (Attachment 1).

Chairman Sloan asked if others wished to appear before the committee; there were none.

Questions were asked by Representative Tom Hawk; Secretary Hayden responded.

Chairman Sloan closed the hearing on **HCR 501**.

Hearing on:

**HCR 5013 - Protection, preservation and extension of the productive lives of reservoirs in Kansas.**

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office, spoke in support of **HCR 5013**. He explained that during the recent Bush Administration, Kansas developed a productive working relationship with the United States Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. Continuing that relationship with future appointees to the position could be advantageous (Attachment 2).

Chairman Sloan asked if others wished to appear before the committee; there were none.

Chairman Sloan closed the hearing on **HCR 5013**.

Action on:

**HCR 5012 - A review of the Pick-Sloan Act.**

**It was moved by Representative Doug Gatewood and seconded by Representative Tom Hawk that HCR 5012 be adopted.** The motion carried.

**HCR 5013 - Protection, preservation and extension of the productive lives of reservoirs in**

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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### Kansas.

It was moved by Representative Bill Feuerborn and seconded by Representative Don Hineman that HCR 5013 be adopted. The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan asked Representative Don Hineman to carry HRC 5012 and Representative Don Navinsky to carry HRC 5013.

Chairman Sloan welcomed and introduced Stan Ahlerich to the committee.

Stan Ahlerich, President, Kansas, Inc., provided each committee member with a copy of Leveraging our Foundations and Designing the Future: A Kansas Economic Renaissance, the 2007 Kansas Economic Development Strategic Plan. He mentioned that many, many individuals participated in creating the document. He addressed specific pieces of the strategic plan including: priorities, creating an environment for opportunity, the five areas of strength of our present economy, and Kansas' current and potential future business tax climate (Attachment 3). He reported that rural areas need access to broadband internet service - the mapping work has been done. Also, the idea of universal expensing remains controversial and workforce development is a major concern.

Questions were asked throughout the presentation. Chairman Sloan and Representatives Raj Goyle, Tom Hawk, Don Hineman, Don Navinsky, Joe Seiwert and others asked questions and many committee members commented.

Mr. Ahlerich and Dr. Art Hall responded to questions and comments. Numerous discussions followed.

Chairman Sloan invited Mr. Ahlerich and the economic development staff who made presentations earlier to the committee to return on Monday, March 16, 2009, for further discussion and to answer additional questions. He also requested the group provide an update to the committee in January, 2010.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.