

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on March 24, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research  
Susan Kanarr, Legislative Research  
Helen Pedigo, Revisor of Statutes  
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gene E. Argo, Kansas Inc. Appointee  
Patricia L. Bossert, Kansas Inc. Reappointee  
Donna A. Johnson, Kansas Inc. Appointee  
Wil Leiker, Kansas Inc. Appointee

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Brownlee opened the confirmation hearing for appointees to Kansas, Inc.

Mr. Argo provided the committee with his Senate Confirmation Information Summary. ([Attachment 1](#))

Ms. Bossert provided the committee with her Senate Confirmation Information Summary. ([Attachment 2](#))

Ms. Johnson provided the committee with her Senate Confirmation Information Summary. ([Attachment 3](#))

Mr. Leiker provided the committee with his Senate Confirmation Information Summary. ([Attachment 4](#))

Mr. Leiker was asked about his prior criminal record. He explained that the incident related to a union work stoppage in Ohio from over 30 years ago.

The committee was provided with provided the Senate Confirmation Information Summary for Mr. Stanley R. Ahlerich, a reappointee who could not attend. ([Attachment 5](#))

Following committee discussion, Senator Barone moved to approve the confirmations of Mr. Argo, Ms. Bossert, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Leiker, and Mr. Ahlerich to Kansas, Inc. Senator Emler seconded. The motion passed.

Chairperson Brownlee adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.