

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nick Jordan at 8:30 A.M. on January 19, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All committee members were in attendance

Committee staff present: Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research
Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research
Helen Pedigo, Revisor of Statutes
Jackie Lunn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Wint Winters, Chairperson for the Center of Entrepreneurship
Dr. Clay Blair, Chairperson for Bioscience Authority

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Jordan opened the meeting by reminding committee members of the deadline for individual bill request being Jan 24th.

Chairperson Jordan introduced John Federico, Federico Consulting on behalf of the Kansas Self-Storage Agency, would like to introduce a bill regarding self storage late fees to delinquent payers. Motion was moved by Senator Schodorf and seconded by Senator Barone. Motion Passed.

Chairperson Jordan introduced Wint Winters, Jr. Chairman Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship Board of Directors. Mr. Winters provided the committee with testimony (Attachment 1) which provided and update on activities and progress with implementation of the new Entrepreneurship Center, which was passed as part of the Kansas Economic Growth Act. His testimony included an outline of the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors along with the names of the Board members and their information. A summary of the inaugural Board meeting held December 16, 2004 on the Campus of Wichita State University was also provided.

After questions and discussion it was determined that the Board of Directors of the Center of Entrepreneurship feels the intent of the legislation was to improve the quality of life in Kansas through creating new jobs, creating additional income in existing jobs and additional equity brought into the state via entrepreneurship. The board will be tracking these results in order to measure the success of the Board of Directors of the Center for Entrepreneurship.

Chairperson Jordan introduced Dr. Clay Blair, Chairperson of the Bioscience Authority. Dr. Blair presented an overview of the Bioscience Authority stating the Board is seeking to define a vision for economic development creating jobs, creating opportunity for educated Kansans and our students to be able to work in the bioscience field in Kansas. One of the byproducts of the Kansas Economic Growth Act was to be able to keep our students in Kansas. Dr. Blair presented a list and biography of each board member (Attachment 2) stating the expertise of these board members is incredible and the global perspective they bring to the Board of the Bioscience Authority will be very helpful. The Board will be spending the next 90 days developing a process on how to manage the Bioscience Authority. There has already been a positive response from companies in Kansas and outside the state. We are working with universities to help in the developing process to meet the many challenges which lie ahead to achieve the intent of the legislation.

Chairperson Jordan stated how pleased he is with the progress of the Board in setting up the Bioscience Authority and is very excited for the future.

Chairperson Brownlee reminded committee Monday January 24th is the last day for individuals to request bill drafts and Wednesday February 2nd is the last day for non-exempt committees to request bill drafts.

Tomorrow in committee the meeting time will be spent setting committee goals. The city of Olathe has offered their facilitator, Michael Ashcraft to assist.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Commerce at 8:30 A.M. on January 19, 2005 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. with the next scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. in room 123S.