

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 8:15 a.m. on March 18, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Susan Wagle- excused

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

Others attending:  
See Attached List.

Chairperson Brownlee opened the meeting and asked the committee to consider:

**HB 2647--Creation of bioscience authority, center for entrepreneurship and downtown redevelopment act; providing tax credits for donation to the Kansas community entrepreneurship fund; IMPACT; rural business development tax credits.**

The committee was presented with an amendment to **HB 2647** proposing Kansas Inc. review. (Attachment 1)

Senator Barone moved to amend KS Inc. authority into the bill. Senator Emler seconded. The motion passed.

The committee was presented with proposed amendments to the bill concerning construction requirements. (Attachment 2)

Following discussion, Senator Barone moved to amend these requirements into the bill. Senator Emler seconded. The motion passed.

Senator James Barnett provided the committee with copies of proposed language for the bill regarding high school academics receiving grants from the non-profit entity. (Attachment 3)

Following discussion, Senator Emler moved the amendment. Senator Kerr seconded. The motion passed.

Senator Bunten moved to strike section 14 except for the last sentence. Senator Brungardt seconded. The motion passed.

Senator Jordan moved to create **Senate sub for HB 2647**. Senator Kerr seconded. The motion passed.

Senator Jordan moved to pass **Sen sub for HB 2647** favorable as amended. Senator Kerr seconded. The motion passed.

Chairperson Brownlee asked the committee to consider:

**HB 2539--Kansas development finance authority; authorizing bonds for research facilities; issuance of mortgage revenue bonds**

Chairperson Brownlee suggested a conceptual amend on p.6 to also post information on the KDFA website. Senator Jordan moved the conceptual amendment. Senator Emler seconded. The motion passed.

Senator Jordan moved the bill favorably as amended. Senator Emler seconded. The motion passed.

Chairperson Brownlee opened the confirmation hearing for KDFA Board Member appointee:

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Timothy C. Schaller

The committee was provided with his Senate Confirmation Information Summary. (Attachment 4)

Senator Steineger moved to submit the confirmation to the Senate favorably. Senator Jordan seconded. The motion passed.

Chairperson Brownlee adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on March 23, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.