

Approved: February 24, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle at 8:30 a.m. on February 2, 2012, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except
Senator Jean Schodorf - excused
Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau – excused
Senator Chris Steineger – excused

Committee staff present:
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Assistant
Mr. Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mr. Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mr. Chuck Reimer, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Others attending:
See attached list.

Introduction of bills

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Susan Wagle announced the Committee would be hearing bill introductions. She then called on Secretary Karin Brownlee, Department of Labor, who requested the Committee introduce legislation concerning moving all of the duties and responsibilities for the Workplace Health and Safety program under the Department of Labor. *A motion was made by Senator Emler that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. It was seconded by Senator Olson and the motion passed.*

Next to come before the Committee was Mr. Scott Schneider, Schneider Public Strategies, representing the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations (PEO), who also requested the Committee introduce legislation concerning the regulation of the PEO. *A motion was made by Senator Longbine that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. It was seconded by Senator Merrick and the motion passed.*

Senator Wagle also asked the Committee to introduce legislation concerning two pieces of legislation. The first concerned the clean up of the Kansas Inc. statutes. *A motion was made by Senator Emler that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. It was seconded by Senator Lynn and the motion passed.*

Her second piece of legislation concerned the Executive Summary written by the Bioscience Authority that was handed out to the Committee during the KBA Audit overview presented by the BKD. It was found there were two different legal interpretations of the Kansas statute, whether you can or cannot receive benefits if you serve on the KBA Board. She has asked the Revisor to draw up a bill that would

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make it clear that if you serve on the Board you cannot receive any benefit. She said it reinforces the first paragraph in the beginning of the whole act. *A motion was made by Senator Lynn that the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. It was seconded by Senator Masterson and the motion passed.*

Handout

The Chair referred the Committee to the only handout, a document from the Department of Commerce regarding PEAK awards that Senator Holland was referencing in the Senate Commerce Committee of January 31, 2012. A copy is Attachment 1.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Chairperson Wagle announced the meeting was adjourned. The time was 9:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2012.