

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Commerce** recommends **Substitute for HB 2105** be amended on page 15, in line 18, by striking "\$16,000" and inserting "\$12,000"; in line 19, by striking "any calendar year following" also in line 19, by striking "2014" and inserting "calendar year 2015, and in excess of \$14,000 with respect to all calendar years thereafter"; in line 21, by striking "in excess of"; in line 22, by striking all before "paid"; in line 23, by striking all before the comma and inserting "in excess of \$8,000 for the calendar years 1984-2014, inclusive, and in excess of \$12,000 with respect to employment during calendar year 2015, and in excess of \$14,000 with respect to all calendar years thereafter";

On page 24, following line 30, by inserting:

"(i) For weeks commencing on and after January 1, 2014, if at the beginning of the benefit year, the three month seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the state of Kansas is: (1) Less than 4.5%, a claimant shall be eligible for a maximum of 16 weeks of benefits; (2) at least 4.5% but less than 6%, a claimant shall be eligible for a maximum of 20 weeks of benefits; or (3) at least 6%, a claimant shall be eligible for a maximum of 26 weeks of benefits.";

On page 47, in line 43, before "because" by inserting "less than full-time";

On page 66, following line 26, by inserting:

"(v) For rate year 2015 and rate years thereafter, an eligible employer other than a negative account balance employer, who has filed all reports due and paid all contributions due and owing on or before January 31 of the applicable year is entitled to a rate discount of 20%

except as provided in this subsection. This discount shall not be in effect if other reduced rates pursuant to subsections (a)(3)(C)(i) through (iv) are in effect. This discount shall not be available for a rate year if the average high cost multiple of the employment security trust fund balance falls below 1.0 as of the computation date of that year's rates, and this discount shall thereafter cease to be in effect for all subsequent rate years. For the purposes of this provision, the average high cost multiple is as defined by subsection (a)(3)(C)(iv)."; and the bill be passed as amended.

\_\_\_\_\_Chairperson