

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 3:30 p.m. on January 21, 2003 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research
Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Fulva Seufert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: April Holman - Legislative Research
Charles R. Ranson - President, Kansas Inc.

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Kenny Wilk. The Chairman called the committee members' attention to the distributed minutes of the January 14, 2003 meeting and said that he would give everyone time to review before approval.

Chairman Wilk introduced April Holman from Legislative Research who presented an overview of the *Interim Reports from the Joint Committee on Economic Development to the 2003 Kansas Legislature*. The study topics reviewed were as follows:

- Status of Rural Development Programs (Kauffman Foundation and the Federal Reserve)
- Interlocal Cooperatives and Competition with Private Business
- Workplace Safety (HB 2868)
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- Tourism Funding
- Review of Investigation of Kansas Venture Capital, Inc.
- Broadband Deployment
- Kansas Business Tax Structure and the Creation of a Kansas Business Incentive Program (SB 617)
- Multi-Dwelling Unit (MDU) Issues Relating to Cable Communications

A full review of these topics can be found in the published edition of *Committee Reports to the 2003 Kansas Legislature* compiled by the Kansas Legislative Research Department, December 2002. A status report on the implementation of the venture capital tax credit program was distributed to all members. (Attachment 1).

The Chair recognized Charles Ranson, President, Kansas, Inc. who spoke briefly to **HB 2505** saying he was intending to ask for an amendment that would alter the investment requirement for capital formation companies. Mr. Ranson also introduced Mr. J. Mark Leonard, their newly hired Research Analyst who is

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a graduate of Kansas State University.

Chairman Wilk recognized Representative Burroughs who moved that the minutes of the January 14, 2003, be approved. Motion seconded by Representative Krehbiel. The motion carried.

The Chair announced the topics and conferees for the next two weeks, and said it was his intent to have the meetings go until 5:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.
