

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 3:30 p.m. on March 13, 2003, in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Don Hill, Excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Steve Weatherford, President, KDFFA
Matthew Goddard, Heartland Community Bankers Association
Chuck Stones, Senior Vice President, Kansas Bankers Assn.
Rick Jackson, Capital Federal Savings

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Wilk asked April Holman, Legislative Research Department, to review **SB 65** for the committee. Ms. Holman refreshed the members' memories by stating that **SB 65** contains all the cleanup amendments to the Capital Formation Company Act better known as the venture capital bill. She reviewed all the changes and stood for questions.

Representative Boyer made a motion to pass **SB 65** out favorably. Rep. O'Malley seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilk reopened the Public Hearing for discussion on the following:

HB 2395 - Authorizing the Kansas Development Finance Authority to issue mortgage revenue bonds

HB 2373 - Amending KDFFA to allow loans directly to individuals to finance housing developments

Representative Tom Burroughs distributed two handouts provided by Fannie Mae. (Attachment 1 and 2)

The Chair recognized Steve Weatherford, KDFFA, who addressed some of the committee's questions. He said that the KDFFA believes very strongly that housing is a part of economic development, and that **HB 2395** would give KDFFA all the resources so they could truly become a player. He said that in rural areas, the issue of housing centers around the availability of the housing stock. The use of a statewide home ownership program can be used as a way to encourage new construction, and he specifically focused on the ability to help those who need assistance with down payments.

There was an active discussion among committee members and conferees which resulted in a beneficial learning experience. Several members expressed their appreciation for the open discussion allowing them to ask questions directly to the conferees.

Chairman Wilk closed the Public Hearing on **HB 2395** and **HB 2373**. He thanked the conferees and the committee members for their endurance and active participation.

Representative Novascone made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2003, meeting. Representative Carlin seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilk announced that the next meeting would be March 18, 2003, at which time there would be a hearing on **SB 235 - Providing for general STAR bond authority throughout the state**. There also could be possible action on bills previously heard.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

