

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Brownlee at 8:30 a.m. on January 15, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statues  
Sherman Parks, Revisor of Statues  
Lea Gerard, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: April Holman, Legislative Research Department

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Brownlee welcomed the committee and staff to the 2002 session. She noted the addition of Norman Furse and Sherman Parks, Revisors of Statues, to the committee staff this session. Chairperson Brownlee discussed several areas of interest that the Commerce Committee will be addressing and provided a Bill Index of bills from 2001 which remain in Committee (Attachment 1).

Instructions were distributed to Committee members for a tour of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Technical Training Center at Johnson County Community College scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Attachment 2). The focus of the tour will be on workforce development and the collaboration of JCCC and industry partners to maximize program effectiveness.

April Holman, Legislative Research Department gave an overview of "*The Joint Committee on Economic Development to the 2002 Kansas Legislature*". (A copy is on file in the Legislative Research Department). Following are the seven topic of interest that the joint committee covered this year:

- Aviation Research
- Creation of the Target Fund
- Housing Finance Issues
- Incorporation of Cities within Five Miles of Existing City
- Kansas Strategic Plan and Possible Restructuring of State Economic Development Agencies
- Telecommunications Providers and City Franchise and Right-of-Way
- Workforce Development

Regarding the study topic Aviation Research, Senator Emler requested that Ms. Holman provide information to committee members on the projected 13:1 return of investment of state funds appropriated for NIAR improvements.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held jointly with the House Business, Commerce and Labor, Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at 8:30 a.m.