

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND PARKS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becky Hutchins at 3:30 p.m. on February 10, 2003 in Room 243-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Vern Osborne - excused
Representative Candy Ruff - excused

Committee staff present: Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Sarah Samuelson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ron Hein, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association

Others attending: see attached list

HB 2106 - Membership of Council on Travel and Tourism

Ron Hein, representing the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, addressed the committee as a proponent of the bill (Attachment 1). He introduced the head of the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, Dennis Carpenter. Mr. Hein stated that the proposed bill simply updates and corrects the names of organizations which make nominations for membership on the Tourism Council. He also noted that the changes that the bill makes are merely technical, not substantive, so the bill should be non-controversial.

Chairperson Hutchins noted that according to the fiscal note, this bill would have no fiscal impact.

There were no questions from the committee, and there were no other proponents or opponents of the bill. Chairperson Hutchins closed the hearing.

Chairperson Hutchins mentioned Wednesday's plans to work this bill. On Wednesday there will also be a hearing on:

HB 2083 - Establishment of fund to use to advertise tourism opportunities in Kansas, use of certain income and sales tax revenues.

Chairperson Hutchins reminded the committee that a field trip to the Czars exhibit is planned for Wednesday, February 19. A sign-up sheet will be distributed at this Wednesday's meeting. The committee members will carpool, meeting on the first floor of the Capitol, at the south entrance, at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes from February 5 were distributed and approved without amendment.

Chairperson Hutchins adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12.