

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on January 22, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Patty Clark, Deputy Sec., Ks Dept. Of Commerce

The Chair called the Committee's attention to the minutes of January 9, 16, 17 and 18.

A motion was made by Representative Worley and seconded by Representative Craft to approve these minutes. The motion passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Winn and seconded by Representative Treaster to introduce a bill that would raise the hourly minimum wage to \$5.15. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Kathie Sparks gave an overview of **HB 2004 and HB 2005** and explained each bill.

Questions and answers followed.

The Chair spoke of what she interpreted the functions of the Economic Development and Tourism to be. She asked for any input on what the Committee felt the correct policies should be.

Patty Clark addressed the Committee in regard to the challenges facing rural Kansas. (Attachment 1).

Questions and answers followed.

The Committee's attention was called to the written only testimony of Terry Holdren of KS Farm Bureau in support of **HB 2004**. (Attachment 2).

The hearings on **HB 2004 and HB 2004** were closed.

Discussion was opened on **HB 2005**.

A motion was made by Representative Flaharty and seconded by Representative Hayzlett to put **HB 2005** on the consent calendar. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2007.