

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 P.M. on January 19, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Committee members were present.

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Linda Reed, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Hal Gardner Executive Director of KAN-ED
Chris Tozier - Filter Logix

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Sloan requested introduction of a bill relating to research universities and the sale of their patents and processes. He also requested introduction of a bill pertaining to the sale of parcels of land owned by Regents' institutions. Motion to introduce proposed legislation moved by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Johnson. The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan welcomed Hal Gardner, Executive Director of KAN-ED, to the committee. Mr. Gardner provided an overview of the KAN-ED website summarizing the annual report provided each year. This KAN-ED site provides a summary of information pertaining to KAN-ED's primary objective, accomplishments, future plans, comparisons with other states regarding network oversight, construction time lines and network costs. (Attachment 1) Mr. Gardner provided references to various web-site pages illustrating what KAN-ED does and does not do, where KAN-ED is going, KAN-ED announcements, calendar of events, and services provided by the organization. (Attachment 2) Mr. Gardner responded to questions from the committee.

Representative Carlin requested introduction of a bill regarding Military-In-State Educational Incentives. The motion was seconded by Representative Storm. The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan introduced, Chris Tozier of FilterLogix who presented an overview of FilterLogix's technology and products. Mr. Tozier stated that FilterLogix's main goal is to provide web filtering for any user, whether in the home, school, libraries, or business institutions. The filtering system runs on a windows platform from the network server, allowing access according to perimeters set. (Attachment 3) Chairman Sloan stated to the committee that knowledge of FilterLogix's type of filter and competing technologies may be useful as censorship and screening issues arise. Chairman Sloan asked Chris Tozier to provide to the committee a list of school districts in Kansas now using FilterLogix software. Mr. Tozier, and his associate Richard Seto, responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 24, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.