

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 14, 2009 in Room DSOB 785 of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:

Ann Deitcher, Administrative Assistant

Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research

Jason Long, Kansas Legislative Revisor

Matt Todd, Kansas Legislative Revisor

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Kerr, Secretary, Ks Dept. Of Commerce

Representative Gordon opened the meeting by asking each committee member to introduce themselves.

She then spoke of the plans she has for this legislative session and asked that they feel free to offer suggestions for what they'd like to see accomplished.

The Chair told the Committee that they were invited to the Senate Commerce Committee meeting on Thursday, January 15. Tom Thornton of the Kansas BioScience Authorities (KBA) would be the conferee.

Secretary David Kerr of the Kansas Dept. of Commerce was then introduced and addressed the Committee regarding the economic outlook of the Department of Commerce. (Attachment 1)

The Secretary told them that both Cessna and Spirit were committed to building in Wichita. He also told them that when approaching companies outside of Kansas, taxes weren't as big an issue with these organizations as workforce and workforce training available in the state.

Asked if under the Governor's budget proposal, Kansas Technical Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) would be placed under the direction of the Commerce Department, Secretary Kerr said he was not aware of that plan but would have that information ready for them as soon as it became available to him.,

Regarding the Governor's proposed budget, it was decided that Duane Goossen, Director of the Division of the Budget would be invited to appear before the Committee.

Copies were distributed of the Performance Audit Report from the Legislative Division of Post Audit on the Department of Commerce. (Additional copies are available at the LPA).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2009.