

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marc Rhoades at 9:10 a.m. on February 4, 2011, in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kelley - excused

Committee staff present:

Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shirley Morrow, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant, Appropriations Committee

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 NIAR Executive Summary
- Attachment 2 NCAT Equipment Report
- Attachment 3 Kansas Aviation Industry: Economic Outlook

Chairman Rhoades made a motion to introduce legislation regarding budget publications for cities and counties that would allow the option to use local newspapers or internet services. The motion was seconded by Representative Gordon. Motion carried.

Representative Kleeb made a motion to introduce legislation regarding purchasing guidelines. The motion was seconded by Representative Brown. Motion carried.

Representative Colloton reviewed the contents of a bill introduction that would not reduce the base state aid per pupil but would redefine "At Risk" children, and would be a savings of \$100 million. She stated that the poverty money would remain the same through the third grade, fourth through eighth grade would have the same weighting for students who are not proficient in Math and/or Reading, and this weighting would also apply from eighth through high school age students.

Representative Mast made a motion to introduce legislation that would redefine At Risk. The motion was seconded by Representative Denning. Motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades stated that the NIAR Executive Summary, (Attachment 1), and the NCAT Equipment Report, (Attachment 2), has been distributed to committee members. He introduced John Dieker, Vice-President, Bombardier Learjet.

John Dieker, Vice-President, Bombardier Learjet, presented an overview on the Kansas Aviation Industry's Economic Outlook, (Attachment 3). He stated that the Kansas aviation industry is approximately 22% of the state's workforce and exports are continuing to increase. Global competition is a concern and he emphasized the need to sustain our competitive advantage through increased technology, research and training.

Vice-President Dieker, responded to questions from committee members. He discussed components of a positive business environment to encourage job growth. As requested, additional information regarding the tax limitations on delivery of product will be provided. He noted that a position paper is being prepared and should be ready for the committee next week.

John Tomlin, Director, NIAR, responded to questions from committee members regarding the replication of NIAR in the Oklahoma area. He noted that collaborative efforts are underway with SPIRIT. He discussed the establishment of repair projects that could be available in service centers throughout the country. Director Tomlin stated that Kansas is rated fourth in the nation in aerospace research.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Marc Rhoades, Chairman