MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Ways and Means recommends SB 311, be amended as recommended by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means as reported in the Journal of the Senate on February 10, 2012, and the bill, as printed with amendments by Senate Committee, be further amended on page 8, in line 26, after "fund" by inserting "account"; in line 35, after "fund" by inserting "account"; in line 38, after "fund" by inserting "account"; in line 40, after "fund" by inserting "account"; in line 41, by striking "for a competitive grant program"; by striking all in lines 42 and 43;

On page 9, by striking all in lines 1 through 10; and inserting "made to participate in air passenger service support agreements with the growth organization of Topeka/Shawnee county, inc., and airlines providing air passenger service at Topeka forbes field airport, related to any quarter during fiscal year 2012 when flights provided by an airline that is a party to an air passenger service support agreement are filled to less than 70% of capacity, or as determined under a formula finalized and agreed upon by the growth organization of Topeka/Shawnee county, inc., in such support agreements: Provided however, That no expenditures shall be made from the air service incentive fund account unless the growth organization of Topeka/Shawnee county, inc., has made payments to such airlines for such purpose of $250,000 or more for fiscal year 2012: Provided further, That expenditures from the air service incentive fund account to such airlines for such purpose for fiscal year 2012 shall not exceed $1,000,000: And provided further, That any unencumbered balance in the air service incentive fund account of the state economic development initiatives fund that was available to be expended during fiscal year 2012
to provide air passenger service at Topeka forbes field airport in excess of $100 as of June 30, 2012, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2013, for the same use and purpose as the same was heretofore appropriated: And provided further, That, the growth organization of Topeka/Shawnee county, inc., shall submit an annual report to the legislature on or before January 1, 2013: And provided further, That during the 2013 regular legislative session such annual report shall be delivered and the growth organization of Topeka/Shawnee county, inc. shall appear in person to the house committee on economic development, the house committee on appropriations, the senate committee on commerce and the senate committee on ways and means regarding such annual report: And provided further, That the secretary of commerce shall conduct an independent review of the financial reports submitted by the growth organization of Topeka/Shawnee county, inc., as well as an analysis of the data used by the growth organization of Topeka/Shawnee county, inc.: And provided further, That the secretary of commerce shall submit a report and appear in person to the house committee on economic development, the house committee on appropriations, the senate committee on commerce and the senate committee on ways and means regarding these matters: And provided further, That the secretary of commerce shall develop and implement the necessary procedures to conduct such a review."; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____________________________ Chairperson