

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 February 7, 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:

Kent Heermann, Regional Development Assoc. of East Central Kansas
Christy Caldwell, Topeka Chamber of Commerce
Ashley Sherard, Lenexa Chamber of Commerce
Bernie Koch, Wichita Chamber of Commerce
Rob Johnson, Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce
Duane Simpson, Kansas Grain & Feed
Andrew Nave, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Others attending:

See attached list.

HB 2170 - Concerning taxes.

The Chair introduced Kathie Sparks who gave the Committee a brief outline of the changes proposed in **HB 2170** to the corporate, franchise and business tax credits. (Attachment 1 and 2).

Kathie also distributed a list of repealed statutes in **HB 2170**. (Attachment 3).

Kent Herrmann offered testimony in support of **HB 2170**. (Attachment 4).

Christy Calewell spoke to the Committee in favor of **HB 2170**. (Attachment 5).

Questions and answers followed.

Ashley Sherard appeared as a proponent of **HB 2170**. (Attachment 6).

Speaking in favor of **HB 2170** was Bernie Koch. (Attachment 7).

Rob Johnson submitted testimony in support of **HB 2170**. (Attachment 8).

Andrew Nave appeared before the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2170**. (Attachment 9).

Duane Simpson offered testimony in favor of **HB 2170**. (Attachment 10).

Written only testimony in favor of **HB 2170** was provided by: Marlee Carpenter of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, (Attachment 11); Derrick Sontag, NFIB, (Attachment 12); Betty Nelson, CBIZ Accounting, (Attachment 13); Kelly Schoen, ZE Graphix, (Attachment 14); R. Lee Harris, Cohen-Esrey Real Estate Investments, (Attachment 15) and D. Roxanne Helphingstine, Mission Electronics, (Attachment 16).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2007.