

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carol E. Beggs at 3:30 p.m. on January 22, 2001 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Jerry Aday - excused
 John Ballou - excused
 Bill Mason - excused

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Research
 Carol Doel, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: David Wilson of the Kansas Arts Commission

Others attending: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Chairman Carol E. Beggs. The minutes of the January 17, 2001 meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Representative Campbell to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Representative Levinson.

Mr. Hank Avila of the Research Department prepared material on Lodging Tax and Rural Tourism (Attachment 1) which was given to each member of the committee for review.

David Wilson of the Kansas Arts Council addressed the committee. Mr. Wilson discussed the cross effects of Arts, Culture and Tourism and the economic impact of The Arts (Attachment 2). He also discussed the ten top reasons that Kansas needs additional Arts funding. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Wilson answered questions which were presented by the committee members.

Chairman Beggs again requested that members submit written ideas for The Tourism Committee.

Jean Barbee of TIAK presented a bill request to the committee regarding legislation which would create a funding plan for The Division of Travel and Tourism Department of Commerce and Housing (Attachment 3). Representative Mason made a motion that the bill be introduced. It was seconded by Representative Campbell.

Chairman Beggs asked for any further discussion. There was none and he entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion for adjournment was made by Representative Levinson and seconded by Representative Campbell.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be January 24, 2001.