

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NEW ECONOMY.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mason at 12:10 p.m. on March 22, 2001 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Loganbill
 Representative Welshimer

Committee staff present: Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
 Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
 Rose Marie Glatt, Secretary

HB 2573 - An act that would amend one of the statues related to requirements governing the development of the Oz Theme Park.

Representative Kuether proposed an amendment that would ban gaming or lottery of any sort upon the premises of the theme park (Attachment 1). A question about the scope of territory covered by the amendment was raised. It was suggested that the amendment covers only the 55 acres proposed as the "Oz Theme Park".

Bud Burke stated that they had not had a chance to study the amendment, however in terms of "redevelopment" the entire project is a redevelopment district. He stated that it is not the intention of OZ to have any type of casino gambling or gaming at the theme park, however Johnson County would control the rest of the development.

In order to clarify the issue it was agreed to re-word the amendment to add language that would read, after the word within, "*that fifty-five acre portion occupied by the Oz Theme Park*". Representative Kuether agreed with that language and the motion to amend was seconded by Representative Long. After a voice vote, the Chair being undecided, asked for a show of hands. The motion to amend failed.

It was moved by Representative Osborne, seconded by Representative Novascone that **HB 2573** be passed out favorably. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.