Approved: <u>3/30/09</u>

Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Brunk at 12:15 p.m. on March 23, 2009, in the Speaker Pro Tem's office 330-N

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Jerry Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department Stephen Bainum, Committee Assistant

The Chairman opened the meeting after the recess of the house. He said that his intention was to work the first part of <u>HB 2374</u> so we can get the first 1/3 going. More information has been requested from the Department of Labor on the other provisions.

Representative Bethell made a motion to amend **HB 2374** to include the Alternative Base Period only. Representative Schwab seconded the motion.

Discussion followed that we are considering only the first 1/3 of the ARRA funds at this time. The Chairman indicated that we would come back at a later time to consider the other 2/3 of the ARRA funds. He said that we would have better information available at the wrap up session. The Chairman also said that he would enter a new bill into an exempt committee so that the other 2/3's could be worked later.

The motion carried.

Representative Schwab made a motion to pass **HB 2374** out favorably as amended. Representative Bethell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.