

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
JOINT WITH THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karin Brownlee at 9:00 A.M. on March 7, 2008 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Roger Reitz- excused
Ruth Teichman- excused
Susan Wagle- excused

Committee staff present:

Jennifer Thierer, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes
Jackie Lunn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. John D. Wong, Wichita State University

Others attending:

See attached list.

To read testimony submitted by conferees go to

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/government/KansasSenateCommerceCommittee>.

SB 525--Kansas investments in major products and comprehensive training act (IMPACT) amendments

Chairperson Brownlee called the Committee's attention to **SB 525**.

Senator Kelly made a motion to move SB 525 out favorably. Senator Schodorf seconded.

A brief discussion followed regarding the fiscal note verification. Senator Barone stated he intended to offer an amendment on the Senate floor to change from a revenue transfer to a demand transfer so the impact on the SGF is clear..

Chairperson Brownlee called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Brownlee called on Stan Ahlerich, Kansas, Inc., to introduce Dr. Wong to review the study he did for Kansas, Inc. regarding the economic development expenditures of the state government and how they compare to other states. Dr. Wong presented written copy (Attachment 1) which can be found in its entirety on the link shown above.

Upon the conclusion of Dr. Wong's review there were questions and discussion with the Committee and Dr. Wong. The Committee would like to know where the \$418 million federal money is coming from. It was noted that the state needs to target their spending; focusing on what the state can do better than any other state and the state needs to be a good manager and say no when necessary. The discussion touched on the fact that the state needs to develop a strategic plan and follow that plan. Stan Ahlerich, Kansas, Inc., joined the discussion stating that Kansas, Inc. does have a strategic plan citing the 5 strengths of the state and where the state needs to focus.

Upon the conclusion of the meeting, Representative Gordon asked Mr. Ahlerich for copies of Kansas Inc.'s strategic plan and he stated they were having more printed up and he would get copies to her for her Committee.

Chairperson Brownlee adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in room 123 S.