

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS FUTURES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlos Mayans at 1:30 p.m. on January 16, 2001 in Room 526-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Deena Horst - excused
Representative David Huff - excused
Representative Gene O'Brien - excused
Representative Michael O'Neal - excused
Representative Tom Sloan - excused

Committee staff present: Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Amy Kramer, Legislative Research Department
Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Speaker of the House Kent Glasscock

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Mayans indicated that efforts are under way to contact several conferees for future meetings, and indicated appreciation for the many kind comments received from members about planned activities. He then welcomed Speaker Glasscock and reminded the members that the Speaker originated the vision for establishing this committee.

The Speaker's Comments

Speaker Glasscock noted that in his 10-year tenure he had observed many committees, concerns, and issues come and go, most of which were short-term in nature and review. He stated his belief that Kansas and the nation is at a point where long-term vision is required.

The Speaker then presented his mission statement and goals for the committee (see Attachment 2). He believes the committee has a unique opportunity to analyze where the state is heading, attempt to determine salient issues, and then ask the Legislature to react and respond. Also, he submitted that no state in America has begun this process to determine what the next 20 years will be like. The Speaker wants Kansas to lead in this effort and stated the committee cannot analyze all of the issues within the confines of a 90-day session; but, if focused, could in two years develop a strategic plan that addresses the two questions defined in his mission statement. He asked the committee to consider the trends, focus on the few areas critical to the state's future, and create a vision and strategic plan for Kansas. The Speaker ended his testimony indicating he had met with chairs of other committees to enlist their involvement in this endeavor, and advised them that backing into the state's future is unacceptable.

Chairman Mayans thanked Speaker Glasscock for his testimony.

The Chairman then stated that for the time being there will be no formal committee rules. Also he advised that as committee minutes are presented, a draft will be distributed to members and, if there are any additions or corrections to call his office; otherwise the minutes will be approved as of 5:00 p.m. of the day presented.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2001.