

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anthony R. Brown, at 1:35 p.m. on March 8, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Joyce Bishop, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kathie Sparks, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Brown reopened the hearing on **SB 77, Employment security law; interest payment assessment; duties of secretary.**

The opponent who was not able to be present on March 8th, Robert Bausch, Assistant Business Agent I.B.E.W Local Union #226, presented his testimony (Attachment 1).

Kathie Sparks, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor, distributed answers to questions that had been asked at the March 7th meeting (Attachment 2). She then requested five amendments to the bill (Attachment 3).

Chairperson Brown called for testimony from proponents of the bill, and the following individuals made presentations.

Eric Stafford, Senior Director, Governmental Affairs, Kansas Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 4).

Phil Hayes, State Director Elect, Kansas Society of Human Resource Management (Attachment 5).

Natalie Bright, Government Affairs Consultant, Wichita Independent Business Association (Attachment 6).

Dan Murray, State Director, National Federation of Independent Business (Attachment 7).

Emily Compton, President, Goodwill Industries of Kansas (Attachment 8).

Chairperson Brown said the following proponents had submitted written only testimony:

Ashley Sherard, Vice President, Lenexa Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 9).

Dennis Lauver, President, Salina Chamber of Commerce (Attachment 10).

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.