

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on January 12, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Brett Hildabrand- excused
- Representative Bill Otto- excused
- Representative Mike Peterson- excused
- Representative Joseph Scapa- excused

Committee staff present:

- Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
- Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
- Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Tom Sloan welcomed the Vision 2020 Committee members. He discussed the genesis of the committee, the need to plan today for the critical needs that will arise in the future and affect our children and future generations. He also outlined the work and successes of the Committee's first two years. The goal, he stated, is to be relevant moving forward. Questions were asked by Representatives Gail Finney, Ron Worley, and Barbara Bollier.

Chairman Sloan presented and briefly explained several bill requests:

1. Create a commission to study K-12 education,
2. Create a commission to study higher education,
3. Decrease the length of time for policemen and firemen to become vested,
4. Allow the Kansas Water Office to more effectively perform certain programs, and
5. Tax bills to benefit higher education and maintain the state's water infrastructure.

Questions and comments were offered by Representatives Barbara Bollier and Don Hineman.

Vice-Chairman Swanson moved to introduce the requested bills and Representative Don Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan encouraged committee members to present topics and ideas for discussion. Representatives Finney, Bollier, and Hill shared several ideas. General discussion followed and several committee members noted that Vision 2020 has great potential.

Chairman Sloan announced that Committee Rules were distributed today. (Attachment 1)

Brief introductions were made.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.