

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carolyn McGinn at 1:00 p.m. on May 9, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

Senators Masterson and Taddiken were not in attendance.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Dorothy Hughes, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Jan Lunn, Committee Assistant
Josh Lewis, Chief of Staff

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 248 – Legislative compensation and expenses; limited to 90 days

Chairperson McGinn opened the hearing on **SB 248** clarifying that Legislative sessions, which begin the 2nd Monday of January each year, are limited to 90 calendar days in even-numbered years but are unlimited in odd-numbered years. **SB 248** applies to the regular 2011 session and eliminates compensation to legislators past the 90th day. In addition, there are no constitutional requirements conflicting with **SB 248**.

Senator McGinn asked if there was anyone who wished to speak regarding **SB 248**; there were no individuals requesting to speak. Chairperson McGinn closed the hearing on **SB 248**.

Senator Vratil moved to recommend **SB 248** favorably for passage. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote.

Report on Budget Conference Committee

Senator McGinn provided a brief report on **S. Sub for SB 234**, which is currently under consideration by the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Conference Committee. Senator McGinn reported that as of Friday, May 6, there appeared to be little movement in negotiations. Senator McGinn commented that work in the conference committee will continue, however, her proposal (for Ways and Means consideration) is to merge all outstanding issues into one bill, which would provide an alternative option for consideration.

Senator McGinn reviewed the list of “House and Senate Omnibus Positions as of May 4, 2011,” that had been considered by the Senate Conference Committee and reported that with all the adjustments and compromises, the Senate proposed budget ends with a \$55.1 million balance. Discussion was heard regarding the various budget issues.

Senator Kultala suggested that language be added to prohibit the Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) agency from closing Rainbow Mental Health Facility. Following discussion, it was the consensus of committee members to add language that no expenditures shall be made to close Rainbow Mental Health Facility.

Senator Vratil moved to delete the contents of HB 2383 and to:

- insert the contents of S Sub for SB 234 (as amended and passed by the Senate Committee of the Whole).
- insert the positions to which the Senate Ways and Mean and House Appropriations Conference Committee have agreed (as of the current date).
- insert the Omnibus positions reviewed by the Senate Conference Committee.
- add language requiring all funding appropriated for the Early Headstart program be spent for that program only.
- add a transfer of \$6.7 million, all from the State General Fund (SGF), to the Children’s Initiative Fund (CIF).

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- add language to provide for an interim study concerning Kan-Ed.
- capture \$11.7 million in death and disability payments.
- recognize the April 2011 tax receipts of \$25.7 million in the ending balance.
- recognize the savings generated as a result of the passage of **HB 2392** and signed by the Governor.
- retain the undermarket pay adjustments for FY 2012.
- authorize the Kansas University Engineering Phase 2 Bonding Authority in an amount of \$65 million
- recognize increased receipts from SB 193 and H Sub for SB 196 (conference committee reports).
- recognize increased receipts from SB 229 (current law), and
- add provisions prohibiting SRS from expending any appropriated funding for purposes of closing Rainbow Mental Health Facility.

The motion was seconded by Senator Teichman. Following discussion, the motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Vratil moved to recommend S Sub for HB 2383 favorable for passage. Senator Kelly seconded the motion, which passed on a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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