

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:35 a.m. on February 19, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Adkins - excused  
Senator Nick Jordan - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rae Anne Davis, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Mark Taddiken  
Representative Lloyd Stone  
Richard Seaton, University Attorney, Kansas State University  
Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents (written)

Others attending: See attached guest list

**Bill Introductions**

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to introduce a bill (1rs1071) concerning school districts; relating to lease and lease-purchasing agreements entered into by boards of education. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris turned the Committee's attention to approval of the minutes that were distributed for the meetings of January 26 and January 29, 2001. Senator Huelskamp moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to approve the minutes of January 26 and January 29, 2001. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Subcommittee budget reports:

**School for the Blind (Attachment 1)**

Senator Barone reported that no adjustments were made in FY 2001.

Senator Barone reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2002 with adjustments, recommendations and observations as listed in the subcommittee report.

**School for the Deaf (Attachment 2)**

Senator Barone reported that no adjustments were made in FY 2001.

Senator Barone reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2002 with observations as listed in the subcommittee report.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to approve the Subcommittee budget report on the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SB 196–State board of regents, authority to sell and convey title to certain real estate for Kansas state university**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Senator Mark Taddiken who spoke in favor of **SB 196** (Attachment 3). Senator Taddiken mentioned that it is a very straight-forward bill but it does require some technical amendments. The Chairman thanked Senator Taddiken for his appearance before the Committee.

Chairman Morris welcomed Richard H. Seaton, Kansas State University Attorney, who spoke in favor of **SB 196** (Attachment 4). Mr. Seaton explained the two tracts of land involved that would be sold. The Chairman thanked Mr. Seaton for his appearance before the Committee.

Written testimony was received from Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents (Attachment 5) in favor of **SB 196**.

Committee questions and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 196**.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend SB 196 and adopt the balloon as prepared by the Revisor (Attachment 6). Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to amend SB 196 to change the bill's effective date to the Kansas Register. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to move SB 196 favorable as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2056–Appropriations for FY 2001 & FY 2002, appropriations for the legislative coordinating council, KPERS actuarial audit**

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Representative Lloyd Stone who spoke in favor of **HB 2056** (Attachment 7). Representative Stone mentioned that in lieu of recent reports and publicity with regard to the KPERS actuary's recommendation it would seem appropriate that this audit be conducted as soon as possible. Representative Stone requested that **HB 2056** be passed without amendments. Chairman Morris thanked Representative Stone for his appearance before the Committee.

There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2056**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to pass HB 2056 as favorable. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention to discussion of:

**SB 96–The director of information technology and director of capital improvements for the department of corrections are unclassified employees**

Committee questions and discussion followed regarding whether the position of the Director of Capital Improvements is classified in other state agencies and what they do. Chairman Morris mentioned that he will ask Bobbi Mariani and the Department of Administration to come back and visit with the Committee.

**SB 147–Adoption of wildlife fees by Secretary of Wildlife and Parks; amounts authorized**

Committee questions and discussion followed regarding the various fees.

Steve Williams, Secretary, Wildlife and Parks, distributed the following information:

- Distribution of Kansas Guides by Zip Code Area (Attachment 8)
- Summary of **SB 147** (Attachment 9)

Senator Huelskamp moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend **SB147** to strike lines 32 and 33 of the bill and place in line 31 "maximum of \$125.00". Continued Committee discussion followed.

Senator Huelskamp moved a substitute motion, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend **SB 147** that the commercial guide permits would be a maximum of \$100.00 for residents and \$250.00 for non-residents. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to pass **SB 147** favorable as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**SB 184—Creating the natural resources damages trust fund; used to restore injured natural resources**

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to pass **SB 184** favorably. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2001.