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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on January 14, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Paul Feleciano, Jr.- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department Nicoletta Buonasera, Kansas Legislative Research Department Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department Becky Krahl, Kansas Legislative Research Department Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Mike Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Stephen Morris welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his appreciation of staff and all the work done by them. He congratulated Alan Conroy as the new Director and J. G. Scott as the new Chief Fiscal Analyst of the Kansas Legislative Research Department. Mr. Conroy introduced all of the new and returning staff of the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

Staff distributed copies of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Assignments–FY 2004 published by Kansas Legislative Research Department (Attachment 1).

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented a summary/overview of the Kansas budget regarding the changes from the end of the 2002 session of the Legislature and selected key budgetary decisions for the 2003 Legislature (<u>Attachment 2</u>). Mr. Conroy explained that the total estimated shortfall in FY 2004, based on additional funding items as explained in the overview, totals approximately \$750 million.

Staff distributed copies of a memorandum dated January 7, 2003, which was addressed to the

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Legislative Budget Committee, regarding the State General Fund (SGF) Receipts, July through December 2002 (Attachment 3).

Copies of the full consensus revenue estimate memorandum addressed to Governor Bill Graves, et. al., dated December 9, 2002, from the Kansas Division of the Budget and the Kansas Legislative Research Department regarding State General Fund Receipts for FY 2003 (Revised) and FY 2004, were distributed to the Committee (Attachment 4).

Chairman Morris mentioned that the subcommittee assignments should be out soon with a few minor changes so subcommittee scheduling can begin as soon as possible.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to introduce the Governor's budget bills for FY 2003 and FY 2004. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2003.