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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS 2000 SELECT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Deena Horst at 1:30 p.m. on March 29, 2000 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Clay Aurand - excused

Representative Tim Carmody - excused

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department

Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department

Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes Janet Mosser, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dan Stanley, Secretary, Department of Administration

Dean Carlson, Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation Jamie Clover Adams, Secretary, Department of Agriculture Charles Simmons, Secretary, Department of Corrections Don Rezac, State Employees Association of Kansas

Others attending: See attached list.

Vice Chairperson Horst informed the committee that Chairperson Wilk will be joining the meeting shortly.

Vice Chairperson Horst opened the hearing on <u>SB 327 - State officers and employees; reduction in positions based on retirements</u>.

The fiscal note was distributed.

Dan Stanley, Secretary, Department of Administration, proponent, was recognized to address the committee (Attachment 1) (Attachment 2).

Dean Carlson, Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation, proponent, was recognized to address the committee (<u>Attachment 3</u>).

Jamie Clover Adams, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, proponent, was recognized to address the committee (<u>Attachment 4</u>).

Charles Simmons, Secretary, Department of Corrections, proponent, was recognized to address the committee (Attachment 5).

Don Rezac, State Employees Association of Kansas, proponent, was recognized to address the committee (<u>Attachment 6</u>).

Questions and discussion followed testimony.

Chairperson Wilk closed the hearing on **SB 327**.

Chairperson Wilk returned the committee's attention to **SB 327**.

Representative Sloan moved to report the bill favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Discussion followed. The Chair was in doubt of the vote. A show of hands indicated eight in favor and five against. The motion carried.

Chairperson Wilk informed the committee that, as a follow up to a retirement bill heard in committee earlier, he intends to ask staff to draft a letter to the Legislative Coordinating Council on behalf of the committee for an

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interim study on a severance package for state employees. There were no objections from the committee. Julian Efird, Legislative Research Department, was asked to draft the letter.

Chairperson Wilk announced that this is probably the last committee meeting. He thanked the members for their diligence both this and last year. The committee dealt with some tough issues and he appreciated their efforts and enjoyed working with them.

Chairperson Wilk adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.