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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Whitham at 1:30 p.m. on March 15, 2010, in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Burroughs- excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Dylan Dear, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jonathan Tang, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ellen Martinez, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jerry Sloan, Budget and Fiscal Director, State Judicial Branch

Others attending:

See attached list.

The hearing on **SB 541 - Court of appeals, delay 14<sup>th</sup> judge position to January 2012** was opened. Jerry Sloan, (Attachment 1) State Judicial Branch, a proponent, requested that the committee delay the request for the new judge position for one more year.

Discussion followed by committee members.

There were no further conferees to testify.

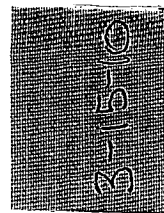
A motion was made by Rep. Pottorff and seconded by Rep. Hineman to report SB 542 favorably for passage. The motion carried.

The hearing on **SB 410 - State agencies; acceptance of payment by debit card** was opened.

A motion was made by Rep. Dillmore and seconded by Rep. Hineman to delete section 1 of the bill. Motion carried. A motion was made by Rep. Dillmore and seconded by Rep. Talia to report SB 410 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried.

Future meetings are on call of the chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 01:40 p.m.





# TESTIMONY SCHEDULE

Bill No. SB 541

Hearing Date March 15, 2010

Concerning: Court of appeals, delay 14<sup>th</sup> judge position to January 2012

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## PROPONENTS

1. Jerry Sloan, Budget and Fiscal Director,  
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House General Government Budget Committee

On Senate Bill No. 541

Jerry Sloan  
Judicial Branch Budget and Fiscal Officer

March 15, 2010

I appear today in support of SB 541 concerning the Court of Appeals. If enacted, the addition of Judge 14 to the Court of Appeals would be delayed by one year. Legislation that phased-in an expansion of the Court of Appeals from 10 to 14 judges was passed during the 2001 legislative session to begin on January 1, 2003. The full expansion has been delayed a number of times in the past due to budgetary constraints and this bill would delay the addition of the last judge until 2012.

This committee has made its recommendations on the Judicial Branch budget and the House Appropriations Committee is scheduled to finalize its decisions this week. The Senate Ways and Means Committee has completed its work on budgets, including the Judicial Branch. Although there are differences, no version under consideration has sufficient funding for an additional judgeship. Consequently, without this delay, additional cuts will need to be made in the budget, and those, by necessity, will come from nonjudicial salary expenditures.

Passage of this bill will complete the steps that are necessary to delay the addition of a judge to the Court of Appeals by one year.

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