

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:40 a.m. on May 1, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale Brunton, Director of Accounts and Reports, Department of Administration
Joe Fritton, Director, Division of Facilities Management, Department of Administration
Jim Keating, President, Kansas State Fire Fighters Association
Glenn Pribbenow, Director, Fire Service Training, University of Kansas (written)
John M. Lloyd, President, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs (written)
Dennis K. Thrower, Fire Chief for the City of McPherson and President, Kansas State Association of Professional Fire Chiefs (written)
Christine Standard, First Vice-President, Kansas State Fire Fighters Association (written)

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introduction

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to introduce the reconciliation bill (1rs2455). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to approve the minutes of the February 25, February 26, February 27, February 28 and March 5, 2002 committee meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the confirmation hearings for:

Sally O'Grady, Appointment as Member, Public Employee Relations Board (Attachment 1)
William A. Dean, Reappointment as Member, State Civil Service Board (Attachment 2)
Glenn W. Fisher, Reappointment as Member, State Civil Service Board (Attachment 3)

Ms. O'Grady, present, gave a brief explanation of her service with the State of Kansas and stood for questions. The Chairman closed the confirmation hearings.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to confirm the appointment of Sally O'Grady as Member, Public Employee Relations Board, William A. Dean, reappointment as Member, State Civil Service Board and Glenn W. Fisher, reappointment as Member, State Civil Service Board. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

HB 3009--Payroll deductions for state employees; changing the definition of employee

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Dale Brunton, Director of Accounts and Reports, Department of Administration, testified in support of **HB 3009** (Attachment 4). Mr. Brunton explained that the bill was proposed to eliminate obsolete language regarding eligibility in certain voluntary payroll deduction programs and to align state statutes with favorable amendments to the federal laws governing the State of Kansas deferred compensation plan.

Joe Fritton, Director of Facilities Management, Division of Administration, explained three proposed amendments to **HB 3009** (Attachment 5). The Committee discussed the percentage of the proceeds from sales of surplus real estate that would be credited to the surplus real estate fund or another appropriate special revenue fund of the state agency that owned the surplus real estate. It was requested that Mr. Fritton suggest a lower percentage than the 50 percent that was in the proposed amendments.

Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked the conferees for their appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 3009**.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

HB 2991--Kansas fire service training commission

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Jim Keating, Fire Chief, St. Mary's, Kansas and President, Kansas State Firefighters Association, testified in support of **HB 2991** (Attachment 6). Mr. Keating mentioned that the availability and affordability of training for firefighters has and continues to be a serious problem for both small and large fire departments. He explained points regarding why training must be improved, why this program could be successful and why implementation is now so important.

Written testimony regarding **HB 2991** was submitted by:

Glenn Pribbenow, Director, Fire Service Training, University of Kansas (Attachment 7)
John M. Lloyd, President, Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs (Attachment 8)
Dennis Thrower, President, Kansas State Association of Professional Fire Chiefs (Attachment 9)
Christine Standard, First Vice-President, Kansas State Firefighters Association (Attachment 10)

Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Mr. Keating for his appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2991**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to amend **HB 2991** to provide a transfer of \$750,000 from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund to provide financing for the program and move **HB 2991** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2002.