

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 9:00 A.M. on February 20, 2008, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Burroughs - excused
- Representative George - excused
- Representative Lane - excused

Committee staff present:

- Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
- J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
- Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
- Cody Gorges, Legislative Research Department
- Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department
- Jarod Waltner, Legislative Research Department
- Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
- Nobuko Folmsbee, Revisor of Statutes
- Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff
- Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Kansas Human Rights Commission
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) and Kansas Corporation Commission
- Attachment 3 Budget Committee Report on Kansas Guardianship Program

### **Introduction of Legislation**

Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce legislation relating to disasters. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce legislation concerning sales tax relating to exemptions. The motion was seconded by Representative Watkins. Motion carried.

### **Kansas Human Rights Commission**

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2008 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Human Rights Commission for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2009 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

### **Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board**

Representative Watkins, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. Motion carried.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Appropriations Committee at 9:00 A.M. on February 20, 2008, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

Representative Watkins, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2009 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

### **Kansas Corporation Commission**

Representative Carlin, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Corporation Commission for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Watkins. Motion carried.

Representative Carlin, member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Corporation Commission for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2009 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell.

Responding to a question concerning Item No. 3, the Budget Committee explained that the purpose of the resolution is to request Congress to further define the "point-to-point" portion of a farmer's trip such as hauling grain to market and if it constitutes the first "leg" of an interstate trip. The Budget Committee noted that current legislation before the Senate would delay implementation of the interstate commerce law until 2010, allowing time to educate haulers from the agricultural industry.

With regard to Item No. 4, the Budget Committee indicated that this issue addresses an annual proviso in the Appropriation bill . It was not the intent of the Budget Committee to delete from the 2007 Appropriation bill but to eliminate the proviso from subsequent Appropriation legislation.

Representative Gatewood made a substitute motion to allow for technical corrections to the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Corporation Commission for FY 2009 to clarify the language in Item No. 4. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Carlin renewed the motion to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Kansas Corporation Commission for FY 2009 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

### **Kansas Guardianship Program**

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2008 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Guardianship Program for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2009 (Attachment 3). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2008.

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Sharon Schwartz, Chair