

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:30 a.m. on February 3, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Adkins - excused  
Senator Dave Kerr - 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  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris referred the following bill to the KPERS Issues Subcommittee:

**SB 90--KPERS funding of unfunded obligations of certain benefits of employees of regents' institutions for prior service**

The Chairman asked the committee to hold the dates of April 24, April 25, April 28 and April 29 this year for the Omnibus session.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SB 73--Claims against the state**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, spoke in opposition to Section 5 of **SB 73** (Attachment 1). Mr. Tymeson explained several reasons for opposing Section 5 of **SB 73** which are listed in his written testimony.

Written testimony was received from Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections, regarding additional information concerning the November 4, 2002, legislative claim filed by Lyle Hanschu against the Kansas Animal Health Department (Attachment 2).

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Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 73**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to amend **SB 73** with technical corrections. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to remove Section 5 and Section 7 of **SB 73**. Motion carried on a voice vote. Senator Downey abstained from voting on this motion.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to recommend **SB 73** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented an overview of the State General Fund ending balance requirements (Attachment 3). Senator Feleciano requested information from staff regarding the study on compensating use tax.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2002, 3:00 p.m., meeting at the rail.