

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2002, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Lloyd Stone, Excused

Committee staff present: Amy Kramer, Legislative Research
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research
Julian Efirm, Legislative Research
Deb Hollon, Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Robert Waller, Legislative Research
Paul West, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Toplikar, Member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Historical Society for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shultz. Motion carried.

Representative Toplikar, Member of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Historical Society for FY 2003 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with exceptions (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shultz.

It was pointed out that the \$50,000 in Item 1 is slated for the planning phase of the Kansas Territorial Sesquicentennial Commission which was enacted by the 2001 Legislature and should have the support of the current Legislature.

Representative Neufeld moved to strike the \$50,000 from the State General Fund in Item 1 of the FY 2003 Education Budget report and make it mandatory that the proposed \$50,000 be funded from the existing Kansas Historical Society Budget for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld moved to amend the report by striking Items 2 and 3 from the Budget Committee report for the Kansas Historical Society for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell.

Division of the question was requested by Representative Light.

Representative Neufeld moved to amend the report by striking Item 2 from the Budget Committee report for the Kansas Historical Society for FY 2003 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld moved to amend the report by striking Item 3 from the Budget Committee report for the Kansas Historical Society for FY 2003. (Attachment 1) Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld moved to amend the report by striking Item 5 and that funding for the Kansas Chautauqua, Kansas Territorial Sesquicentennial Commission, and emergency repairs for construction and

other costs necessary to keep building components and systems in good working order be revisited at Omnibus. Motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver moved to amend the report by adding a statement commending Dr. Ramon Powers for his 29 years of service and commitment. Motion was seconded by Representative Shultz. Motion carried.

Representative Campbell moved to amend the report by adding a recommendation that the \$250,000 earmarked in the Governor's budget recommendations for participation in the Lewis and Clark anniversary be revisited at Omnibus. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

The Committee recognized the significance of the Lewis and Clark anniversary and noted the planned participation by Atchison, Leavenworth and other communities in Northeast Kansas for the signature event.

The Budget Committee reported that they had not discussed proposed Civil War re-enactment regulations as prescribed by the Kansas Historical Society's Executive Director.

Representative Neufeld moved to amend the budget report by adding a recommendation to reduce the State General Fund portion of the budget for the Kansas Historical Society by 10 percent until such time as the Legislature is notified that Civil War re-enactment will be allowed on Kansas Historical Society controlled sites. Motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr.

The Committee acknowledged that the proposed budget reduction of \$616,000 would be an attempt to persuade the Kansas Historical Society to "maintain history" rather than trying to "re-invent history." Re-enactments are considered educational and enjoyed by many tourists and local citizens.

Representative Neufeld withdrew his motion with the permission of the second, Representative Landwehr.

Representative Klein moved to amend the Budget Committee report by adding a proviso that a ten percent hold will be put on all funding through the state general fund for the Kansas Historical Society until such time as there is a change in policy regarding Civil War re-enactments. Motion was seconded by Representative Toplikar. Motion carried.

Chairman Shultz stated that the Education Budget Committee will discuss the re-enactment issue further in their Committee meetings.

Representative Toplikar, member of the Education Budget Committee, renewed his motion to adopt the Budget Committee for the Kansas Historical Society for FY 2003 with exceptions and as amended (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Shultz. Motion carried.

Paul West, Legislative Research Department, presented a Capital Budget Summary (Attachment 2). He reminded the Committee of their removal of \$75,000 for emergency repairs from the State Historical Society budget for FY 2003.

Representative Landwehr moved to add a proviso to the Capital Budget Summary that the proposed dome reinforcement for the Ad Astra Cap in the amount of \$750,000 be removed from the Department of Administration Capital Improvements budget and that the funding should come from non-state general fund sources. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

Representative Campbell moved to amend the Education Budget Committee report for the Kansas State School for the Deaf for FY 2003 to include funding for five projects in the amount of \$1,023,512 with financing by the State Institutions Building Fund. Motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver moved to amend the General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee report for the Department of Human Resources for FY 2003 by eliminating \$167,837 of the special revenue fund financing for the planning of a new agency facility. Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver moved to amend the Tax, Judiciary and Transportation Budget Committee report on the Judiciary Branch for FY 2003 by removing appellate court funding in the amount of \$114,400. Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion failed.

Chairman Wilk recessed the Appropriations Meeting at 10:45 a.m. and announced that the Committee would reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

Staff distributed copies of the House Adjustments to the Governor's Recommendation (Attachment 3).

Discussion on HB 2991–Kansas fire service training commission

Representative Campbell explained that this bill does not establish a funding source but only puts legislation in place to allow for planning and for a more uniform firefighter training program. The anticipated cost is \$1.5 million with funding to come from non-state sources.

Representative Campbell, Chairman of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on HB 2991 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations (Attachment 4). Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Discussion on HB 364–Fees for certificates of title

Representative Peterson, Chairman of the Tax, Judiciary, and Transportation Budget Committee, moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee report on SB 364 with technical corrections. Motion was seconded by Representative Hermes. Motion carried.

Discussion on SB 499–Establishing the technology communications fee fund

Janet Chubb, Assistant Secretary of State, reviewed her letter of March 13, 2002, with the Committee (Attachment 5).

Representative Peterson, Chairman of the Tax, Judiciary and Transportation Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Transportation for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 6). Motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Peterson, Chairman of the Tax, Judiciary and Transportation Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Department of Transportation for FY 2003 with the noted adjustments (Attachment 6).

Representative Peterson moved for a bill introduction in Item 3 including "a, b, c, and d" as recommended by the Tax, Judiciary and Transportation Budget Committee in their Budget Committee Report for the Kansas Department of Transportation for FY 2003 (Attachment 6). Motion was seconded by Representative Hermes. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee explained that the Select Committee on Transportation recommended the above-mentioned legislation as a possible solution for removing the State Highway Fund from a competitive role for SGF funding with other agencies. The proposed legislation would establish a separate revenue source for the State Highway Fund. They also pointed out that KDOT had prepared the language for the \$150 million reduction and made their own decisions on what projects were cut or delayed. DOT will prepare a facts sheet on federal funding during the "out years." The proposed increase of two cents per gallon for motor fuel tax is comparable to that charged by surrounding states. Also reported was the information being received from asphalt companies about not getting more business from the state due to the increased use of concrete. A life-cycle cost analysis study is being done at this time on concrete and asphalt. The report of the Select Committee on Transportation is being drafted and will be distributed upon approval by the Select Committee.

Representative Shriver moved to amend the Tax, Judiciary and Transportation Budget Committee report on the Department of Transportation for FY 2003 by striking Items 1, 2 and 3 and leaving a, b, c, and d as a bill introduction. Motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion failed.

Representative Peterson renewed his motion to adoption the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2003 with the noted adjustments as amended (Attachment 6). Motion was seconded by Representative Hermes. Motion carried.

Staff distributed copies of the Consensus Caseload Estimates as of March 15, 2002 (Attachment 7).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2002.

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