

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:40 a.m. on March 22, 2001 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
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Leah Robinson, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efirid, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Chapman, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached guest list

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention to discussion of:

SB 342--Appropriations for FY 2001 and FY 2002, supplemental appropriations for various state agencies and FY 2002 for department of administration

SB 348--Appropriations for FY 2002 and FY 2003 for state agencies and for biennially-budgeted state agencies

Chairman Morris asked staff to explain and distribute additional updated information as follows:

- Adjustments to Governor's Recommended State General Fund Revenue Transfers (Attachment 1)
- Recommended Expenditures by Function of Government, FY 2001, Reflects Committee Action as of March 21, 2001 (Attachment 2)
- House Adjustments to the Governor's Recommendation (Reflects House Committee Adjustments for FY 2001, FY 2002 and FY 2003) (Attachment 3)

Chairman Morris mentioned that today the Committee has language regarding the proviso for the Kansas Department on Transportation Subcommittee budget report that was done earlier in the week. Senator Jackson explained the proviso that was drafted (Attachment 4).

Senator Downey mentioned that she felt that the language is too specific. Senator Jackson noted that he and other concerned legislators are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Kansas Department of Transportation officials through Senator Hensley's office to discuss the subject of utilizing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) in lieu of reinforced concrete pipe (RCP). Chairman Morris mentioned that the Committee would go on with other items and come back to the proviso.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Barone, to amend **SB 342** for FY 2001 appropriations bill a proviso regarding the Kansas Sentencing Commission (Attachment 5). Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Huelskamp, to shift \$900,000 in FY 2001 from the State General Fund to other funds within the Department on Aging. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Huelskamp moved to restore the \$100,000 interstate highway funds money regarding the Cultural Heritage Center. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to delete \$264,069 from the Department of Corrections to recover day reporting center and community corrections savings. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Kerr, that, given House action on the Children's Initiative Fund, to remove all expenditures [in the Senate version of its budget at this point, those items] that are funded with Children's Initiatives Fund dollars and consider expenditures from the Children's Initiative Fund as an Omnibus item. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention back to the proviso regarding the Kansas Department of Transportation. Chairman Morris mentioned that Senator Downey also had a proviso which she read to the Committee. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Morris acknowledged E. Dean Carlson, Secretary, Kansas Department of Transportation. Secretary Carlson mentioned that every time the proponents of using corrugated metal pipe in lieu of reinforced concrete pipe have requested a meeting, the Department has responded as quickly as possible. The Secretary noted some objections to the proposal.

The Secretary noted that the concrete pipe distributors have complete authority to have the option of selling enough concrete pipe to cover every foot of pipe in the state of Kansas. The metal pipe distributors cannot because KDOT specifically did not allow them to compete in certain counties and in other places where there is an indication their products will not be durable. Secretary Carlson mentioned that KDOT has offered to meet with these distributors and work out some different arrangements on those counties where their product would be more appropriately used. The Department also offered a compromise to give the industry the entire storm sewer system in all urban counties which would constitute very close to 50 percent of the product used.

Chairman Morris thanked Secretary Carlson and indicated that the Committee appreciated his statement, but the Committee does have the proviso in interest of Senate Ways and Means and probably other legislators.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to approve the language in Senator Downey's additional language (Attachment 6) to the Subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Transportation. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to pass **SB 342** favorably as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2001.