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To: Members, House Standing Committee on Calendar and Printing
From: Jeff Russell, Director, Legislative Administrative Services
Re: HB 2733-Legislative page compensation; remuneration of not less than \$3 value.

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the House Calendar and Printing Committee. I am Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Administrative Services. I am here to support HB 2733 which offers options on reimbursing pages for their day of service at the Capitol. Right now the statute mandates pages be paid \$3.00 per day. The checks are mailed to their home address, and for the 2011 session 45% of over 1300 checks were not cashed (588). With each check having a processing cost of \$6.00 and a mailing fee of .44¢, a total expenditure of over \$8300 was incurred to comply with existing law. This does not include the \$3.00 value of the checks.

This bill would allow my office to explore and implement alternatives to the current \$3.00 payment, while still allowing the return to the existing process if it is desired at some future point. We propose establishing a system whereby the pages are issued a coupon worth \$3.00 which is redeemable that same day at Don's Snack Bar (Exhibit #1 attached). Don carries a variety of foods, including fruit, juices, milk and other healthy choices, as well as items for the sweet tooth. The pages will still receive a certificate as a memento of their service. (Exhibit #2) In addition to a savings of over \$8300 a year, this could also mean an additional \$4000 in gross income to Don to assist in keeping open the Capitol food service.

That summarizes the intent of this bill and LAS's plans to comply. You will note that any increase in the remuneration must have the approval of the LCC. I will be happy to stand for questions. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

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Date: 2-14-12

Attachment 2

Kansas Legislature
Page Compensation Voucher

Session Year _____

Voucher Number _____

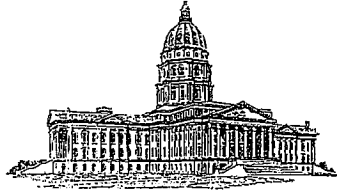
Good for \$5.00 at Don's Snack Bar
Capitol Building

No cash value. Expires: _____

Authorized by Legislative Administrative Services

Exhibit 1

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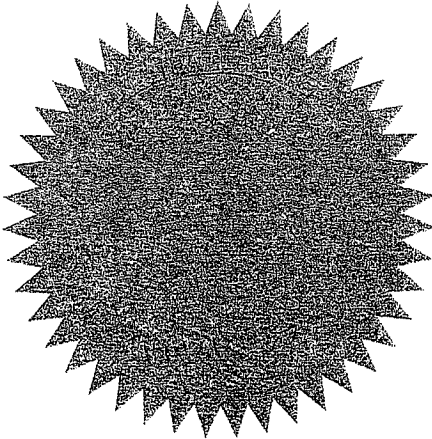
The Legislature Certificate of Recognition

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye that

is hereby commended for service as a Page in the State House of Representatives. The members commend the above named for cheerful and conscientious attention to duty as an employee of the great state of Kansas.

Done at the Capitol in Topeka this

_____ day of _____



Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael R. O'Neal".

MICHAEL R. O'NEAL
Speaker of the House

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