

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:35 a.m. on March 15, 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  
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Kramer, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Diane Lindeman, Associate Director of Fiscal Affairs, Kansas Board of Regents  
Dr. Lorne A. Phillips, State Registrar and Director, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Elwaine Pomeroy, for Kansas Credit Attorneys Association and Kansas Collectors Association, Inc. (Written testimony)

Others attending: See attached guest list

Subcommittee budget reports on:

**Judicial Branch** (Attachment 1)

Senator Schodorf reported that the subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the Governor for FY 2001 with exception as listed in the Subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported that the subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the Governor for FY 2002 with exceptions as listed in the Subcommittee budget report.

Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kerr moved a two-part motion, with a second by Senator Jordan, to remove from FY 2001 the \$300,000 in Item 1 and from FY 2002 the \$1,212 million dollars; and that the Committee alter the recommendation in Item 5 to say that if SB 85 needs amendment to remove the restriction that expenditures from the nonjudicial salary initiative fund may be used only for the salary upgrade granted in FY 2001 and to allow the fund to be used for salary reclassifications and salary initiative to retain personnel. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**State Board of Indigents' Defense Services** (Attachment 2)

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the Governor for FY 2001 with an exception as listed in the Subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the Governor for FY 2002 with exceptions as listed in the Subcommittee budget report.

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**Judicial Council** (Attachment 3)

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the Governor for FY 2001 with an exception as listed in the Subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the recommendations of the Governor for FY 2002 with exceptions as listed in the Subcommittee budget report.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to adopt the Subcommittee budget reports on the Judicial Branch, State Board of Indigents' Defense Services and the Judicial Council as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Kansas Guardianship Program** (Attachment 4)

Senator Huelskamp reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Senator Huelskamp reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with adjustment as listed in the Subcommittee budget report.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to adopt the Subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Guardianship Program. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**HB 2013--State scholarship program, amount of award**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Diane Lindeman, Associate Director of Fiscal Affairs/Student Financial Aid, Kansas Board of Regents, who spoke in support of **HB 2013** (Attachment 5).

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2013**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

**SB 343--Vital statistics maintenance fee fund**

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Dr. Lorne A. Phillips, State Registrar and Director, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, who spoke in support of **SB 343** (Attachment 6).

There being no further conferees to appear before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 343**.

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

**SB 85--Compensation for certain nonjudicial employees, docket fees**

The Committee discussed a proposed **Substitute for SB 85** (Attachment 7). Following some detailed discussion, Chairman Morris mentioned that the Committee will work the bill at the next meeting due to the lack of time.

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Written testimony was received from Elwaine F. Pomeroy, for the Kansas Credit Attorneys Association and Kansas Collectors Association, Inc., who expressed concern with regard to **SB 85** (Attachment 8).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2001.