

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Adkins at 9:10 a.m. on March 17, 2000 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Ballard - excused  
Representative Reinhardt - excused

Committee staff present: Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Philip Wegman, Johnson County Community College  
Carol Williams, Executive Director, Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission  
Representative Peggy Long  
George Petersen, Kansas Taxpayer Network  
Hal Hudson, State Director, Kansas Chapter, National Federation of Independent Business, Inc.  
Leslie Kaufman, Assistant Director, Public Policy Division, Kansas Farm Bureau  
Marlee Bertholf, Dir. of Taxation & Small Business, Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Bob Corkins, Executive Director, Kansas Public Policy Institute  
Karen France, Director, Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors  
Mark Tallman, Assistant Executive Director for Advocacy, Kansas Association of School Boards

Others attending: See attached list

**Briefing on Kansas Adult Education**

Chairman Adkins introduced Philip Wegman, Program Director, Developmental Education, Johnson County Community College who gave a briefing on Adult Education, It Works for Kansas, Report on Kansas' Adult Education Program ([Attachment 1](#)).

**Hearing on:**

**SB 481 - Governmental ethics commission; biennial budget**

The Chairman opened the public hearing on **SB 481**.

Proponents:

Carol Williams, Executive Director, Governmental Ethics Commission ([Attachment 2](#))

The Chairman recognized Representative McKechnie who distributed a memorandum regarding information he had requested from the Governmental Ethics Commission on the Commission's fee fund. ([Attachment 3](#))

There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 481**.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

### Hearing on:

### **HCR 5067 - Constitutional amendment limiting increases in state spending**

The Chairman opened the public hearing on **HCR 5067**.

#### Proponents:

Representative Peggy Long ([Attachment 4](#))

George Petersen, Kansas Taxpayer Network ([Attachment 5](#))

Hal Hudson, State Director, Kansas Chapter, National Federation of Independent Business, Inc. ([Attachment 6](#))

Leslie Kaufman, Assistant Director, Public Policy Division, Kansas Farm Bureau ([Attachment 7](#))

Marlee Bertholf, Director of Taxation and Small Business, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry ([Attachment 8](#))

Bob L. Corkins, Executive Director, Kansas Public Policy Institute ([Attachment 9](#)) Mr. Corkins distributed the following information with his testimony:

- The \$3 Billion Question: Will the Legislature Finally Let Kansans Vote on Controlling Government Spending ([Attachment 10](#))
- Kansans Think Tank Projects Major Benefits from Eliminating State Income Tax ([Attachment 11](#))
- State Financial Aid to School Districts, 1998-99 ([Attachment 12](#))

Karen France, Director, Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors ([Attachment 13](#))

#### Opponents:

Mark Tallman, Assistant Executive Director for Advocacy, Kansas Association of School Boards ([Attachment 14](#)) Mr. Tallman mentioned that the School Districts of Shawnee Mission, Olathe and Blue Valley have asked to join in these remarks as opponents of **HCR 5067**.

There being no further conferees to appear before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HCR 5067**.

Written testimony was received from Marci Hess, Director, Government Relations, Sedgwick County, concerning FY 2001 demand transfers, the briefing in yesterday's meeting of March 16, 2000 ([Attachment 15](#)).

### **Bill Introductions**

Representative Peterson made a motion, seconded by Representative Hermes, to introduce a bill regarding Kansas State University research and extension employees that would change the status quo of retirement currently part of federal civil service and would allow them to participate in the Regents retirement program at a cost of approximately \$275,000 that would be absorbed by retirements and attrition. Motion carried.

Chairman Adkins referred **HB 2857** and **HB 2858** to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee.

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**SB 25 - University of Kansas Medical Center, building construction projects on medical center property by hospital authority**

Representative Farmer mentioned that the Education and Legislative Budget Committee found out that this was actually handled in Section 8, **SB 324** that passed last session. Representative Farmer noted that no action is necessary on **SB 25**. Chairman Adkins mentioned that **SB 25** will be held in Committee.

**SB 24 - Joint Committee on Oversight of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority, expiration date, repealer**

Representative Farmer made a motion, seconded by Representative Landwehr, based on the recommendation of the Education and Legislative Budget Committee, to pass **SB 24** out favorable for passage and place on the consent calendar. Motion carried.

**HB 3000 - Ombudsman of corrections, juvenile offenders**

Representative Kline made a motion, seconded by Representative McKechnie, to amend **HB 3000** and adopt the proposed balloon (Attachment 16). Motion carried.

Representative Kline made a motion, and seconded by Representative McKechnie, to pass **HB 3000** out favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried.

**HB 3025 - Interstate compact for adult offender supervision**

Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department, briefed the Committee on **HB 3025**.

Representative McKechnie mentioned that the Public Safety Budget Committee recommends **HB 3025** favorable for passage. Committee questions and discussion followed.

It was determined to hold **HB 3025** until further information could be distributed to the Committee and the bill will be worked at another committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2000.