

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:05 a.m. on February 9, 2001, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Peterson
 Representative Spangler
 Representative Hermes
 Representative Toplikar
 Representative Henry
 Representative Nichols

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
 Rae Anne Davis, 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: Jeff Russell, Legislative Services

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Landwehr moved for the introduction of legislation for the Kansas Opportunity Scholarship. Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Minor moved for the introduction of legislation which would allow the sale of bonds in order to fund the Kansas State Fair. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilk moved for the introduction of two bills regarding adult care homes and the payment for home care services. Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilk moved for the introduction of a bill from the Rules and Regulations Committee regarding economic development. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

Representative Stone moved for the introduction of 6 bills:

- Directing that current KPERS fund interest that is currently being credited to the State General Fund by the state treasurer be credited to KPERS
- Providing that compensation and contributions reported by an employer cannot later be changed.
- Technical cleanup bill for KPERS that would contain approximately eight technical changes.
- Exempt the KPERS Board from state purchasing requirements.
- Provide the KPERS Board with certain personnel related flexibility.
- All the KPERS Board more control over the systems administrative budget.

Representative Pottorff, Chairperson of the 2001 General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Governor's Department for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff, Chairperson of the 2002 General Government and Human Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Governor's Department for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted observations (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Stone presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the

Lieutenant Governor for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Stone presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Lieutenant Governor for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislative Coordinating Council for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislative Coordinating Council for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff presented the Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Legislative Research Department for FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Legislative Research Department for FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone.

Representative Pottorff offered a substitute motion to amend the Budget Committee report for Kansas Legislative Research Department for FY 2002 as follows: The Budget Committee notes that in July 2000, Chief Fiscal Analyst Alan Conroy was presented with a Legislative Staff Achievement Award by the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices (NALFO) staff section of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Each NCSL staff section may present two Staff Achievement Awards each year and recipients of the NALFO award are selected based on three criteria: how the nominee's work has contributed to the resolution of a fiscal policy issue in the state legislature; how the nominee's work has made a significant contribution toward educating state legislators or the public about the fiscal dimensions of a public policy issue; or how the nominee's work has made other unique contributions to furthering the role and development of fiscal staff assistance to the legislative process. The Budget Committee congratulates Alan on this well-deserved recognition and expresses appreciation for his dedicated service to the Kansas Legislature. Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved that the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Kansas Legislative Research Department for FY 2002 be adopted as amended (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Stone presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Revisor of Statutes FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Stone presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Revisor of Statutes FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislative Division of Post Audit FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff.

Representative Shriver presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislative Division of Post Audit FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted adjustments and comments (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff.

Representative Pottorff presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislature FY 2001 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2001 (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone. Motion carried.

Representative Potorff presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Legislature FY 2002 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2002 with the noted adjustments and comments (Attachment 1). Motion was seconded by Representative Stone.

The Committee discussed the positives of having a year-round legislative secretarial pool which would be available for legislators and interim committees. Jeff Russell, Director of Legislative Services, explained that he would manage the pool and balance the workload. These secretaries would be paid in the \$25,000 to \$27,000 range and have full benefits. It was requested that the Committee on Appropriations and Ways and Means be granted a full-time year-round secretary.

Representative Ballard issued a substitute motion to amend the Budget Committee report by adding \$90,000 from the State General Fund into a pilot project establishing a full-time year-round secretarial pool. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations on the Governor's recommendation on the budget for the Legislature for FY 2002 as amended, Representative Stone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action on HB 2040 – State held lands, designation and disposition of surplus land

Representative Kline moved to amend the bill on Page 1 Line 35 by adding at the end of the line “after consultation with the State Building Committee.” Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld moved for approval of a balloon amendment stating that no state real property that is being sold by public auction shall be required to be appraised pursuant to K.S.A. 2000 Supp 75-6609; and language regarding the disbursement of proceeds of sales of mental health or mental retardation institutions; and technical changes (Attachment 2). Motion seconded by Representative Minor. After discussion, Representative Neufeld withdrew his motion and Representative Minor withdrew his second.

Representative Kline moved to amend Section 1 of the bill by giving the Secretary of Administration the authority to waive the requirement of three appraisals only in the case of public auction of real property if such waiver is in the best interests of the state. Motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

Representative Kline moved to amend the bill by requiring the above stated amendment to allow the Secretary of Administration the authority to waive the requirement of three appraisals in all situations of the sale of real property. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. After discussion, Representative Kline withdrew his motion. Representative Neufeld withdrew his second.

Representative Neufeld moved for the amendment which appears on Page 2 of the balloon amendments , Line 31 regarding the sale of surplus real estate at a state mental health or mental retardation institution and the disbursement of the proceeds of the sale. Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

The Committee questioned why the Kansas Department of Transportation was not subject to the provisions of the statute regarding the sale of surplus property. A Legislative Post Audit report has pointed out the need for an improved inventory system of KDOT real property. It was suggested that a representative from KDOT should appear before the Committee and explain the reasons for the need of their exemption to this statute.

Representative Landwehr moved to strike Lines 1, 2, and 3 on Page 3 of the proposed legislation which would bring surplus sales of real property of the Kansas Department of Transportation under the auspice of the Secretary of Administration. Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion failed on an 8 to 8 vote.

Representative Campbell moved that an amendment be drawn to require the Kansas Department of Transportation to have an accurate reporting and inventory system of all real properties owned by the agency. Motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative Neufeld moved that the bill be reported favorably as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Kline. Motion carried. Representative Landwehr asked to be recorded as a “No” vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2001.