

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Representative Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on March 28, 2002, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Peterson, Excused

Committee staff present: Amy Kramer, Legislative Research  
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research  
Julian Efird, Legislative Research  
Deb Hollon, Legislative Research  
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research  
Audrey Nogle, Legislative Research  
Robert Waller, Legislative Research  
Paul West, Legislative Research  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

**Discussion and Action on HB 3007–Capitol Improvements**

Paul West, Legislative Research, informed the Committee that the dormitory renovation program at Fort Hayes for \$7.9 million and the refinancing of \$1.2 million which will be retired by student housing fees have been approved by the Joint Committee on State Building Construction.

Representative Pottorff moved to amend the bill to include the Fort Hays State University dormitory projects. Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved to report HB 3007 favorably as amended and with any staff identified technical corrections. Motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Action on HB 3009–Payroll deductions for state employee; changing the definition of employee**

Julian Efird, Legislative Research, explained that the bill updates Kansas law in accordance with federal law regarding voluntary contributions.

Representative Stone moved to report the bill favorably. Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

**Discussion and Action on Sub SB 508–Emergency Medical Services Board, financial support, authorizing certain transfers**

Robert Waller, Legislative Research, provided the Committee with an historical account of the State Fire Marshal Fee Fund and how it will be affected by the proposed transfers (Attachment 1). The State Fire Marshal Fee Fund would continue to receive 1.0 percent of all fire insurance premiums and the Board of Emergency Medical Services Board (EMS) would receive 0.25 percent of all fire insurance premium receipts or approximately \$750,000. EMS has been receiving funding through the state general fund.

Representative Campbell moved to amend the bill to include a funding source and a sunset provision of two years (Attachment 2) Motion was seconded by Representative Minor.

The Committee discussed the need for uniform training for emergency medical service personnel and the proposed funding would be a more dedicated source than the state general fund. The EMS budget has only grown one percent in the past twelve years. It was pointed out that EMS did not seek out funding from the State Fire Marshal Fee Fund. Also suggested was that EMS be funded by health insurance premiums or continue to be funded by the state general fund. It was suggested that the combining of various divisions throughout state government be studied in the Budget Interim.

Representative Shriver offered a substitute motion to transfer the Emergency Medical Services Board to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and retain the EMS as oversight board. Motion was seconded. Motion failed.

Representative Hermes offered a substitute motion to drop the sunset to one year. Motion was seconded by Representative Spangler. Motion failed.

Representative Campbell's motion to amend the bill by including a funding source and a sunset provision of two years passed.

Representative Nichols moved to amend the bill by inserting language that all fee funds listed in K.S.A. 75-3170a be amended to raise the amount to be deposited from all fee fund receipts into the state general fund from 20 percent to 25 percent. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved that the bill be reported favorably as amended. Motion was seconded by Representative Campbell. Motion carried on a 12 to 4 vote.

**Discussion and Action on HR 6012–Participation in National Adoption Day**

Representative Landwehr moved for the adoption of HR 6012. Motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

**Discussion on SCR 1614–Encourage decreased dependence on public moneys to finance long-term care**

Representative Landwehr moved for the adoption of the proposed balloon amendment requesting greater participation by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in the education of persons regarding long-term care and encourage state government to consider a five-year look back period for capturing disqualifying transfers of physical property for Medicaid eligibility (Attachment 3). Motion was seconded by Representative Henry. Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2002.

## CONTINUATION SHEET