

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 1:05 p.m. on April 1, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gerald Schneider, Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Department of Human Resources
Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging
Maria Russo, President, Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2612--State finances, biennial budget estimates

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Gerald Schneider, Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Department of Human Resources, appeared as a conferee regarding **HB 2612 (Attachment 1)**. Mr. Schneider mentioned that the flow of federal funding would require the Department of Human Resources to submit an extensive revised budget during the odd years to reflect the latest figures. He also noted that they believed that the amount of legislative staff and hearing work would increase; nevertheless, they are open to new approaches and they stand ready to move forward as a biennial budget agency if it is the desire of the Legislature.

Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2612**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2613--Joint estimates of revenue to state general fund

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

There were no conferees to come before the Committee and the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2613**. Committee discussion followed regarding **HB 2613**.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the original language from **HB 2612** into **HB 2613** and move **HB 2613** favorable as amended. Committee discussion followed.

Senator Barone moved a substitute motion, with a second by Senator Huelskamp, to bring all of the provisions of **HB 2612** as amended by House Committee of the Whole into **HB 2613**. Committee discussion followed. A vote was taken on the substitute motion by Senator Barone and the motion failed. A vote was taken on the original motion by Senator Kerr to move **HB 2613** favorable as amended and that motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2764–Kansas senior care act, amendments relating to allocations for area agencies on aging

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Department on Aging, testified in support of **HB 2764** (Attachment 2). Secretary Hubbell explained that the 2001 Kansas Legislature directed the Kansas Department on Aging to combine all State General Fund in-home service programs under the Department into one funding stream. The Department on Aging responded by reviewing the issues to combine the programs into one program. This resulted in the recommendation to combine the Income Eligible, Senior Care Act, Custom Care, SGF Case Management and Environmental Modification programs into one program entitled the Senior Care Act (SCA).

Maria Russo, President, Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association, testified in support of **HB 2764** (Attachment 3). Ms. Russo mentioned that they are in complete support of the statute changes presented in **HB 2764**, as amended.

Written testimony was submitted by the Kansas State Nurses Association in support of **HB 2764** (Attachment 4).

Chairman Morris thanked the conferees for appearing before the Committee. Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to come before the Committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2764**.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to recommend **HB 2764** favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2002.