

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 14, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jim Barone- excused

Committee staff present:
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Coach Bill Snyder
Max Falkenstien
Ted Hayes, Executive Director, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

SB 79--Concerning funding of the Kansas sports hall of fame

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Coach Bill Snyder who testified in support of **SB 79** (Attachment 1). Coach Snyder explained that many Kansas athletes leave the state to pursue their careers, but they return with pride and stay involved with the universities and their hometowns. He noted that the athletes never lose sight of their Kansas ties and their schools. Communities never stop welcoming them back home. Coach Snyder mentioned that he is concerned that it is on the brink of losing the Sports Hall of Fame.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Max Falkenstien who testified in favor of **SB 79** (Attachment 2). Mr. Falkenstien explained that since 1986 funding of the Sports Hall of Fame has been a problem. He noted that **SB 79** provides a perfect opportunity for the Legislature to help this great organization. In closing, Mr. Falkenstien mentioned that he believed in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and the value it brings to Kansas.

The Chairman welcomed Ted Hayes, Executive Director, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, who spoke in support of **SB 79** (Attachment 3). Mr. Hayes explained that the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame has a worthwhile and outstanding mission of benefit to all Kansans to honor, to educate and to inspire. He mentioned that by passing the bill they are asking the Legislature for assistance in paying for the basic operation of the Hall of Fame which will free up hundreds of thousands of dollars they raise each year to be used to fund their vision programs.

Committee questions and discussion followed. There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 79**.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis report for FY 2007 and FY 2008 were available to the committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:40 A.M. on February 14, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Subcommittee report on:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Attachment 4)

Subcommittee Chair Vicki Schmidt reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2007.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in FY 2007. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Chair Vicki Schmidt reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 with adjustments and comments.

Following committee discussion, Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the subcommittee report on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in FY 2008 to consider Item No. 8 in Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in FY 2008 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2007.