

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 11:30am on Monday, February 16, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research
David Fye, Legislative Research
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Senator Fitzgerald made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning the Judicial Branch appropriations for FY2016 and FY2017 per the Governor's recommendation. Senator Melcher seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Subcommittee report signature page:

All members of the Social Services Subcommittee signed the signature page for the Subcommittee Reports for the Kansas Neurological Institute, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center, Larned State Hospital, and Osawatimie State Hospital ([Attachment 1](#)).

Subcommittee reports on:

Senator Denning, Chairperson, of the Social Services Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Neurological Institute ([Attachment 2](#)).

Senator Denning made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Neurological Institute for FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerschen and the Subcommittee Report was adopted.

Senator Denning, Chairperson, of the Social Services Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report

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for the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center ([Attachment 3](#)).

Senator Denning made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center for FY2015, FY2016, FY2017. Senator Powell seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote and the report was adopted.

Senator Denning, Chairman of the Social Services Subcommittee gave the Subcommittee Report for the Larned State Hospital ([Attachment 4](#)).

Senator Denning made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Larned State Hospital for FY2015, FY2016, FY2017. Senator Powell seconded the motion and the report was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Denning, Chairperson of the Social Services Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report for the Osawatomie State Hospital ([Attachment 5](#)).

Senator Tyson wanted to know the reasoning for decreasing the Osawatomie State Hospital funding in FY2016. She stated that Osawatomie State Hospital covers a large area spanning all the way to Wichita, Kansas.

Senator Tyson made a motion to add \$500,000 to Osawatomie State Hospital's budget for FY2016 and review at Omnibus. She said they are experiencing financial hardships, and they provide service to a large area. Senator Francisco seconded the motion.

Senator Denning said there is money from other sources and he feels the \$500,000 doesn't need to be added in now, but instead it should be reviewed at Omnibus when more information is available about the total revenue and budget picture. He feels at the present time, Osawatomie's financial crunch is solved in the short term.

Senator Tyson's motion was recalled and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Denning made a motion adding to the subcommittee recommendations an encouragement to the agency to research alternatives for addressing the physical plant needs at Osawatomie State Hospital, and report back to the committee at Omnibus the findings, and he further recommended the committee not add the \$500,000 at this time, but review the restoration of the \$500,000 appropriation at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Denning made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report as amended for the Osawatomie State Hospital for FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the report was adopted on a voice vote.

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Subcommittee report signature page:

All members of the Transportation and Public Safety Subcommittee signed the signature page for the Subcommittee Report for the State Fire Marshal ([Attachment 6](#)).

Subcommittee reports on:

Senator Masterson, Chairperson, of the Transportation and Public Safety Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Fire Marshal ([Attachment 7](#)).

Senator Masterson made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Kansas Fire Marshal for FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Kelly and the report was adopted on a voice vote.

Possible action on bills previously heard

There was no action on any bill previously heard.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 17, 2015, at 10:30 am, in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.