

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Wednesday, April 29, 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
J G Scott, Legislative Research
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jennie Chinn, Executive Director, Kansas Historical Society
Senator Jake LaTurner, Kansas Senate
Shawn Naccarato, Director, Government & Community Relations
Elaine Frisbie, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Kansas Board of Regents

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Senator Masterson introduced proposed legislation concerning the reconciliation bill. Senator Denning seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Hearing on: HB2268 — Authorizing the state historical society to accept certain real property known as the Last Chance Store.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **HB2268**. David Wiese, Assistant Revisor explained the bill which authorizes the State Historical Society to accept and hold on behalf of the State, the Last Chance Store in Council Grove, Kansas ([Attachment 1](#)).

Senator Kelly asked who owned the property at this time. Mr Wiese said it was a woman whose name he did not know.

PROPONENTS:

As a proponent, Jennie Chinn, Executive Director, Kansas Historical Society, explained to the committee that if the Society owned the property the agency would be able to better tell the story of the Santa Fe Trail. She further explained that the property is an economic literacy piece of property

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[\(Attachment 2\).](#)

Senator Kelly asked what the main use of the property would be. Ms Chinn said it would be used mainly as a historical teaching opportunity for children.

Senator Masterson asked how long the building had been in operation. Ms Chinn said it was built in 1857 and operated until the railroad was established and the store was bypassed. In addition, there will be no additional cost to the State to own or operate the building; a federal grant will take care of deferred maintenance and no state money will be required for utilities because it is an authentic historical site with no electricity, etc. The site will be open on a regular basis but only during vacation season.

No Opponents or Neutral parties came before the committee.

Chairperson Masterson closed the hearing on **HB2268**.

Hearing on: SB293 — Land exchange; Pittsburg state university and Pittsburg, Kansas.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **SB293**.

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor, explained that the bill authorizes a land exchange between Pittsburg State University and the City of Pittsburg, Kansas [\(Attachment 3\)](#).

PROPONENTS:

Senator LaTurner addressed the committee as a proponent and explained in more detail why this exchange of property would be beneficial to all of the parties involved and that the exchange will help alleviate serious housing needs in the City of Pittsburg. The Senator did not supply written testimony.

Shawn Naccarato, Director, Government and Community Relations, testified in support of **SB293**, and said the exchange would support future planned growth of the university as well as economic and community growth in the City of Pittsburg, Kansas [\(Attachment 4\)](#). He distributed an aerial map that showed the acreage involved if this exchange passes [\(Attachment 4A\)](#).

There were no Opponents or Neutral parties to come before the committee.

After a short question and answer period, the Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB293**.

Hearing on: HB2395 — State building projects; negotiating committees; alternative procurement.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **HB2395**.

Jill Wolters, 1st Assistant, Revisor of Statutes, briefed the committee on the bill, and said it amends the

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a Kansas statute that pertains to the State procurement process for certain projects ([Attachment 5](#)).

PROPONENT:

Elaine Frisbie, Vice President, Finance and Administration, Kansas Board of Regents, said this bill increases the limits for contracting for services by architects and engineers without the requirement to convene a negotiating committee. She stated that the Kansas Board of Regents had requested the bill be introduced ([Attachment 6](#)).

There were no Opponents or Neutral parties to come before the committee.

Written testimony was submitted by Scott Heidner, a proponent, representing the American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas. He said the threshold in current use has been in place for almost a decade and is no longer a good reflection of today's economy ([Attachment 7](#)).

Senator Francisco pointed out that previously there was differentiation between architectural and engineering services and asked if there was a reason that this differentiation has been changed. She said this change does two things: limits the ability of architects and engineers to bid/be selected and enables the use of "on call" or "on staff" architects and engineers.

After a short question and answer period, the Chairperson closed the hearing on HB2395.

Possible action on bills previously heard

There was no action taken on bills previously heard.

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

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 11:13 am.