

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 1:15pm on Thursday, May 14, 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
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research
Mark Skoglund, Legislative Research
Andy Chiamopoulos, Legislative Research
David Fye, Legislative Research
Mark Dapp, Legislative Research
Mark Savoy, Legislative Research
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research
Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research
Ben Wilhelm, 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 Kelly made a motion to introduce proposed legislation relating to the open records act.

Senator Francisco seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

After calling the meeting to order, the Chairperson informed the committee the agenda would be to review the Omnibus memo items that were not acted upon by both legislative branches.

J G Scott, Assistant Director for Fiscal Affairs, explained that each item open for consideration would be addressed and explained by the Legislative Research analyst assigned to that entity or agency. The following were items considered by the House of Representatives ([Attachment 1](#)):

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- Mark Skoglund - Department of Agriculture, Kansas Water Office, and Department of Health and Environment - Environment;
- Bobbi Mariani - Department of Commerce and Department of Labor, Health Care Stabilization Fund, KDHE, and KDADS, Department of Health and Environment, Health and Health Care Finance. She explained the transfer of funds with ERO 43 ([Attachment 2](#));
- Amy Deckard - KEY/CIF, Department for Aging and Disability Services ([Attachment 3](#)), and ([Attachment 4](#)), ([Attachment 5](#)) , Department for Children and Families funds associated with ERO 43;
- David Fye - Department of Labor and Department of Commerce, Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors;
- Dylan Dear - Department of Administration - Debt Service Adjustments;
- Mark Dapp - Department of Revenue;
- Dezeree Hodish - Attorney General;
- Shirley Morrow - Kansas University Medical Center;
- Sharon Wenger - Department of Education;
- Aaron Klaassen - Department of Transportation;
- Amy Deckard - Department for Children and Families;
- Justin Carroll - Department of Corrections.

The following additional items were explained by each Analyst; however, these items were not considered by the House of Representatives:

- Bobbi Mariani - Department of Health and Environment - Health and Health Care Finance;
- Mark Dapp - Secretary of State;
- Shirley Morrow - Board of Regents, Washburn University - new crime lab facility;
- Sharon Wenger - Department of Education.

Senator Denning made a motion to reject on Page 1, the Department of Health and Environment Access Improvement Program, and non concur with GBA No 1, Item 7, on Page 3, Item No 1 for the Department of Revenue, and for the Department of Education, Page 3, Item, No 1 and to accept the House position on all of the other items that were addressed. Senator Arpke seconded the motion. Senator Kelly asked if there was a printout showing the implication of rejecting the Department of Education item. Senator Masterson said there was no printout; however, the House did consider and accept the item; therefore it should be considered in conference committee for the mega budget. The motion was renewed and it carried on a voice vote.

Senator Francisco made a motion to add \$400,000 to the Department of Agriculture for the Water Office for the State Water Plan for FY2016 and FY2017 for streambank stabilization at Tuttle Creek Dam. Senator Kerschen seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

J G Scott, Legislative Research, reported to the committee that all the other Governor's Budget

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Amendments had been previously approved, except those that were considered at this meeting [Attachment 6](#)).

Mr Scott informed the committee that the revenue previously reported as collected from individual income tax was approximately \$81 million under estimate. He said the reason for the underestimation was due to the fact that 100,000 checks had not been deposited at the time the shortfall in revenue was reported. He said that these checks have now been deposited and revenue from income tax is approximately \$40 million over the amount collected last year. He reported further, that the estimated amount of income tax collections for this year was \$60 million, and it now appears, the estimate will be close to that amount.

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 Monday, May 18, 2015, at 1:00 pm, in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm.