

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department
Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research Department
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research Department
Mark Dapp, Legislative Research Department
Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

James Todd, Kansas State Representative, District 29

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions:

Senator Denning moved to rescind the proposed amendments to the CLASS Act regarding the distribution of equalization state aid that was introduced at the Rail on March 16, 2016. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke and the motion to rescind was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Denning moved to introduce legislation concerning school finance. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke and the legislation was introduced on a voice vote.

Hearing on: HB2662 — Claims against the state.

Chairperson Masterson opened the hearing on **HB2662**.

Dezeree Hodish, Fiscal Analyst, briefed the committee on **HB2662**. She explained how many claims had been filed and heard in 2015, and the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State's recommendations for handling these claims ([Attachment 1](#)).

Proponents:

No proponents appeared before the committee.

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Opponents:

No proponents appeared before the committee.

Neutral:

James Todd, Kansas State Representative, District 29, appeared before the committee as a neutral party. He explained a claim against the State that was pending for 22 years and said this claim was recently added on the House floor. He said an individual who had \$17,000 on his person, was stopped by the Highway Patrol. The Highway Patrol was convinced criminal activity was involved and seized the funds. He further stated that the Highway Patrol turned the money over to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) because they had an interest in this individual, and then they started a civil forfeiture action against the funds. Representative Todd said the action for seizure by the DEA was successful. He said the parties that are involved have filed a claim against the State and the \$17,000 plus interest is included to be paid in **HB2662**. Representative Todd did not furnish the committee with written testimony.

After all questions were answered, the Chairperson closed the hearing on **SB2662**.

Final action on: SB509 — Establishing a budget stabilization fund in the state treasury; revenue and expenditures; review of risk-based practices by the legislative budget committee.

Chairperson Masterson opened **SB509** for discussion and final action.

Senator Kelly moved to introduce an amendment that added up to 10 days for the Legislative Budget Committee to study and review policy as determined by the Chairperson for establishing a budget stabilization fund. Senator Francisco seconded the motion and it was adopted ([Attachment 2](#)).

Written Testimony

Stephen Bailey, Senior Associate, State Fiscal Health and Economic Growth, The Pew Charitable Trusts, submitted to the committee written testimony supporting **SB509 Attachment 3**.

*Senator Denning made a motion to pass **SB509** favorably as amended, Senator Kelly seconded, and the bill passed out of committee on a voice vote.*

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 1:27 a.m.

Meeting at the Rail:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 5:00 pm on Monday, March 21, 2016, Third Floor, Rail of the Rotunda of the Capitol.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Shirley Morrow, Legislative Research Department

Dezeree Hodish, Legislative Research Department

Debbie Luper, Chief of Staff

Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Bill introductions:

Senator Denning moved to introduce Amendments to the CLASS Act regarding supplemental general state aid and capital outlay state aid. Senator Powell seconded the motion. The bill was approved for introduction.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.