

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 6, 1961

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Senator Lauterbach, with all members present except Senator Smith.

Major General Joe Nickell, Adjutant General of Kansas, and Col Youngkamp, State Property and Fiscal officer, presented the proposed budget for the Adjutant General's Department for the fiscal year, 1962.

General Nickell stated that in general the budget as recommended by the Governor has been gone over, and the department can live with it. He stated they had asked for an administrative building, but it was not included in the Governor's budget recommendation. He also stated that in its broad aspects, their budget is largely controlled by statute.

General Nickell also stated that this year, there is a supplemental budget in connection with civil defense. This is for the Federal money which will be received under a new Federal Act to assist state and local civil defense agencies by matching funds for employing full time civil defense employees. This will amount to approximately \$53,000 for the last half of fiscal year 1961, and \$92,346 for fiscal year 1962.

The program of this department, in general, as far as the military department is concerned, is a joint federal and state program wherein training is provided for young men of the state in military service. The federal government furnishes equipment and funds to maintain and operate the equipment. The state furnishes the manpower and physical training centers. The ratio of these funds is approximately 8 federal dollars to 1 state dollar.

For the information of the new members of the committee, General Nickell stated that they felt an administrative building was badly needed. Their operation at present is efficient, but would be considerably more so if they were able to consolidate all of their offices in one building. They already have land for this building at 27th & Kansas Ave. As it is now, they have some space on the 1st floor of the Capitol Building, some in the basement, and some in the old armory building on South Topeka Ave. The Civil Defense Department is located in the new State Office Building. Records are stored in rooms and aisles in the basement of the Capitol Building. They need adequate fire and waterproof storage for records.

Senator Farmer asked if there was no available space sufficient for consolidation of this operation - and the answer given was "No."

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Senator Sandborn asked if this building were built whether or not they would pay rent to retire the investment. General Nickell stated that this would be on a no rent basis. At present, they are paying approximately \$3,000 per year to the State Office Building Commission for the rent for the Civil Defense Department, and also it is costing about \$4,000 per year to maintain the first floor and basement of the old armory building for office space. The rest of the building has been condemned and is not usable.

Miss Olga House, Textbook Assistant, from the State Textbook Department, appeared before the committee.. This department will cease to operate when the present outstanding contracts expire on July 1, 1962. Therefore, the proposal to transfer \$250,000 from the School Book Revolving Fund to the General Fund as set out in the Governor's Budget Report is acceptable to the department.

Miss House stated that there will have to be some disposition made of textbooks on hand as of July 1, 1962. Senator Lauterbach instructed the subcommittee members, Senator Glades and Senator Warren, to recommend disposition of these books.

Mr. Hugh Bryan, Executive Secretary of the School Retirement Board, appeared before the committee.

Mr. Bryan stated that the state is committed to a basic appropriation each year.

Senator Sanborn asked Mr. Bryan if it actually took 12 people to operate this small agency. Mr. Bryan asserted that it did - due to the fact that their bookkeeping is all done by hand, and they over three thousand active accounts, 7 or 8 thousand inactive accounts, 25 thousand refunded accounts, 3 thousand annuitants, and 8 thousand accounts for deceased members.

Senator Lauterbach asked the members to turn in their reports on all Grants, so that a bill may be drawn up concerning them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

August W. Lauterbach, Chairman,
Senate Committee on Ways & Means.