

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Minutes of Meeting
February 16, 1961

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

The Kansas State Board of Regents appeared before the committee. Those present were: Mr. Hubert Brighton, Executive Secretary; Mr. Whitley Austin, Mr. Clement H. Hall, Mr. George B. Collins, Mr. Wm. F. Danenbarger, Mr. Frank Grons, Mr. C. V. Kincaid, Mr. Leon N. Roulier, Mr. Russell R. Rust, and Mr. Ray Evans. Mr. John Conard, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and Mr. Jack Barr, member of that committee, also attended the meeting.

Mr. Clement Hall made a plea for a funded retirement program, and the abolition of the \$10,000 ceiling for retirement contributions.

Senator Harper asked what percentage of contribution would be recommended if a funded retirement program were initiated. Mr. Hall stated that the minimum necessary to make the program competitive among the other institutions in the country would 5%.

Senator Sanborn asked if this amount would be in addition to contributions for social security. Mr. Hall answered that it would be in addition to social security.

Mr. Collins presented the long range Medical Center building program. He stated that the most urgent program for the Fiscal Year 1962 would be an addition to the Clinic Building. This would necessitate an appropriation of at least \$400,000. Also, there is an urgent need for completion of the Connecting Corridor so more rooms would be available - this would require an appropriation of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Whitley Austin cited the enormous gain in enrollments during the second semester of this year - at present this amounts to 23% in the freshman enrollment in the five state schools.

He also stated that the Board of Regents had requested an appropriation of \$25,000 for hiring a consultant, traveling expenses, salaries and fees of various technical help. This amount had been cut back to \$15,000 by the governor in his budget report.

Upon questioning, Mr. Austin stated that they could get by on the \$15,000 recommended by the governor, and that this would be a one year appropriation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.


August W. Lauterbach, Chairman,