

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting  
February 7, 1963

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Smith at 10:00 a.m., February 7, 1963. All members were present except Senators Lauterbach and Harper.

Mrs. Zelia J. French, secretary of the Traveling Libraries Commission, and Mr. LeRoy G. Fox, State Librarian, appeared before the Committee with reference to their agencies' budget requests.

Mrs. French stated:

1. In order to receive federal matching funds, it was necessary to develop a State plan of operation.
2. The Governor's budget recommendations are agreeable to the agency. The amount of \$500 included for seasonal help may be of some hindrance to the library. The original request for such help was \$1,000.
3. The law specifically excludes the loaning of books by the Traveling Library to State agencies.

Mr. Fox stated:

1. The agency is spending \$139,469 this year. Of 16.6 employees, 10 are trained librarians.
2. There are four sections: the main library, law library, medical library, and reference department. There is no processing center presently; 9 of the 16 employees are involved at various times in processing materials.
3. Reflection of the workload given:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Material Received</u>	<u>Reference Questions</u>	<u>Material Circulated</u>	<u>Salaries*</u>
Law	1,440	6,060	14,964	\$16,653
Reference	13,680	13,556	13,320	= =
Office	26,988	==	==	17,839
Medical	1,980	1,404	1,764	4,782
State Librarian	= =	==	==	12,000

\* Plus FICA (\$7,075)

4. Because of a functional problem, in the area of personnel, the Library has not been able to develop the services to State agencies as it should.

5. Through a reorganization of library functions, a more efficient operation could be obtained. A bill is to be introduced to the Legislature to accomplish the desired changes.
6. The budget requests are in line with either organization (using the old or a new law).
7. Discussions have been held concerning the Stormont Medical Library. If moved, the library could be transferred to: (1) Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka; or (2) to the K.U. Medical Center; or (3) to Topeka State Hospital. The residue of funds donated to establish the library could be disposed by (1) locating the heirs of the donee; or (2) transferring them to the Stormont-Vail Hospital to perpetuate the library.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Glee S. Smith, Vice-Chairman  
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