

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
Regular Session of 1965

Minutes of the Meeting  
February 22, 1965

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sanborn at 9:00 a.m., February 22, 1965, with all members present except Senator Van Sickle.

Messrs. Fred E. Gulick, Roy Shapiro, and John K. Corkhill, of the KANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, appeared before the Committee with reference to the budget requests of the agency. Following are comments made by Mr. Gulick:

1. During the past year two people have been added to the staff.
2. The budget requests include increases of salaries for longevity bonuses and social security; increases in communications, printing, and travel costs.
3. The net return on the \$22 million fund is 4.22%. Of funds invested, about 7% are in common stocks, \$2 million in Government bonds, and the remainder in public utility and industrial bonds.
4. The policy adopted by the Trustees allows investment up to 15% in common stocks. To date only 7% has been invested.
5. The fund increases about \$5 million each year.

Mr. Warden Noye and Mrs. Cleo Thompson of the KANSAS LIVESTOCK BRAND COMMISSION, and Mr. Mel Haper of the Kansas Livestock Association, appeared before the Committee with reference to the Commission's budget requests. Mr. Noye made the following statements:

1. The Governor had deleted the agency's request for an additional clerk-stenographer position. We are not asking for that to be restored.
2. The Board has approved the hiring of an additional Brand Inspector Examiner and the agency requests that the position be added to its requests. It was not requested at the budget hearings because the Board had not met. The position would require about \$12,500 (\$10,000 for salary, and about \$2,500 for automobile, equipment, shears, and a 2-way radio).
3. There is a bill under consideration now to increase cattle inspections from 10¢ to 15¢, and to reduce sheep inspections from 4¢ to 3¢.

Senator Bell made a report on Senate Bill 125 which is an appropriation bill for Washburn Municipal University of Topeka. It allows freshmen and sophomore class level support at \$3 a credit hour, and the junior and senior level at \$5 a credit hour, with a total appropriation of around \$303,000. The \$3 rate applies to the first 60 credit hours of each student and amounts to \$138,000. The provision of the \$5 paid for upper division students is in lieu of the \$80,000 flat grant made for fiscal year 1965.

Senator Smith offered a motion to amend Senate Bill No. 125 on page 2, line 23, by striking the word "March" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "April". Senator Warren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Senator Smith then moved that Senate Bill No. 125 be recommended for passage as amended. Senator Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Ward voted no.

Senator Smith then outlined the provisions of a proposed Committee bill covering allocations to be made from the educational building fund for fiscal years 1966 and 1967. No changes were made from the Governor's or Board of Regents' recommendations as outlined in the Governor's budget document.

A motion was made by Senator Smith that the Committee introduce the bill for appropriations to the educational building fund for the next biennium, with the recommendation that it be passed. The motion was seconded by Senator Bowers, and the motion carried unanimously.

Messrs. Adel F. Throckmorton and W. C. Kampschroeder appeared before the Committee with reference to the budget requests of the SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. Mr. Throckmorton made the following comments:

1. A request for a Consultant in Fine Arts (in Activity 1) was deleted by the Governor. However, the House Committee on State Affairs has introduced a bill (House Bill 617) which ties in with the Governor's recommendations for upgrading the cultural arts in the State. In asking for the position of Consultant in Fine Arts, we believed that the schools was the best place to start such a program.
2. The Governor also deleted a position requested in the field of adult education. We had asked for about \$6,900 in salaries, and \$1,500 for travel and subsistence. (See Attachment No. 1 for comments on this position.)
3. A new federal program makes money available for training illiterate adults, which the Department of Commerce estimates 61,000 in the State. The State would need to furnish about \$9,100 in fiscal year 1966 to initiate the program in the State. It is expected that the program would operate on a 10% State/90% Federal matching level the first year; then would continue on a 50/50 basis. If instituted, the program would be operated through public schools; probably by local school systems under the direction of the Department of Education. In answer to Senator Bell's question if these people would be eligible for the vocational technical school training, Mr. Throckmorton said he would assume that these people would not have the basic background necessary to take the training.
4. In the area of special education for the mentally retarded, homebound children and exceptional children the Governor has recommended that the effectiveness be evaluated. Rather than ask for restoration of funds to these activities, it is recommended that a subcommittee review them.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

THEO. A. SANBORN, Chairman